



# STIC Search Report

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**Location:** RND 7c59  
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**Case Serial Number:** 10/624915

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## Search Notes

Attached are the search results for the oropharyngeal implant.

A lot of the results discuss "mandibular positioning devices," and I wasn't sure about their relevance. It looked to me that they were in the oropharyngeal region, but because there were so many articles on these, I did not tag them. I did tag the items that I thought were most relevant, but I suggest that you review ALL of the results.

Also attached is a search feedback form. Completion of the form is voluntary. Your completing this form would help us improve our search services.

I hope the attached information is useful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional searching on this application.

*JH*

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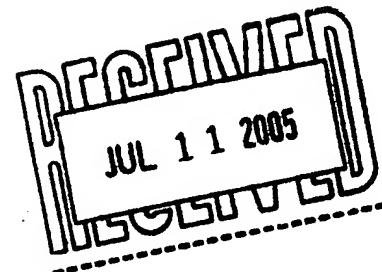
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Searchtopic=This is a sleep apnea/anti-snoring method and device (see claims from April 28, 2005) that can be surgically inserted into the oropharyngeal region of a human or animal.

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# STIC Search Results Feedback Form

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Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact **the EIC searcher or contact:**

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## Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ *I am an examiner in Workgroup:*  *Example: 3730*

➤ *Relevant prior art found, search results used as follows:*

- 102 rejection
- 103 rejection
- Cited as being of interest.
- Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

*Types of relevant prior art found:*

- Foreign Patent(s)
- Non-Patent Literature  
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ *Relevant prior art not found:*

- Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

**Comments:**

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File 350:Derwent WPIX 1963-2005/UD,UM &amp;UP=200546

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File 348:EUROPEAN PATENTS 1978-2005/Jul W02

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| S2  | 70    | AU='THOMPSON C' OR AU='THOMPSON C P'                        |
| S3  | 0     | E30R E9   |
| S4  | 26    | AU='THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER' OR AU='THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER PAUL' |
| S5  | 4069  | APNEA OR APNE?  |
| S6  | 3105  | SNOR???   |
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DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX

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WPI Acc No: 2004-524938/200450

XRAM Acc No: C04-193122

XRXPX Acc No: N04-416050

Apparatus for treating sleep apnea and/or snoring comprises an appliance in non-circumferential form and placed in oropharyngeal region in proximity to epiglottis

Patent Assignee: QUIESCENCE MEDICAL INC (QUIE-N); QUIESCENCE MEDICAL (QUIE-N)

Inventor: PFLUEGER D R ; THOMPSON C P

Number of Countries: 107 Number of Patents: 003

Patent Family:

| Patent No  | Kind | Date     | Applicat No    | Kind | Date     | Week     |
|--|------|----------|----------------|------|----------|----------|
| US 20040134491   | A1   | 20040715 | US 2002436945  | P    | 20021230 | 200450 B |
|  |      |          | US 2002437058  | P    | 20021230 |          |
|  |      |          | US 2003624915  | A    | 20030722 |          |
| WO 200460311   | A2   | 20040722 | WO 2003US41560 | A    | 20031230 | 200450   |
| AU 2003300063  | A1   | 20040729 | AU 2003300063  | A    | 20031230 | 200477   |
| Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2003624915 A 20030722; US 2002436945 P 20021230; US 2002437058 P 20021230 |      |          |                |      |          |          |

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AU 2003300063 A1 A61M-016/00 Based on patent WO 200460311

Abstract (Basic): US 20040134491 A1

Abstract (Basic):

NOVELTY - An apparatus (10) comprises an appliance in non-circumferential form with rounded, spaced apart end portions placed in oropharyngeal region (1a) in proximity to epiglottis (2c).

USE - For treating sleep apnea and/or snoring by maintaining patency of a human or animal oropharyngeal region (claimed).

ADVANTAGE - The apparatus is relatively straightforward to use and minimally invasive. The appliance is structured to provide an enhanced compliance with normal, healthy functioning of the oropharyngeal region of a patient relative to different device e.g. a stent. The appliance provide support against collapse of the oropharyngeal region during natural sleep as well as allow proper closure of an airway in the oropharyngeal region during swallowing, provide natural movement of the epiglottis when positioned in oropharyngeal region. When released into the pharyngeal region, the appliance unfolds, unrolls or uncoils and provides pressure against one or more portions of the pharyngeal region providing support thereby maintaining or achieving patency of the pharyngeal region. The apparatus does not interfere with swallowing, respiration, vocalization, mucociliary function, epiglottis functioning etc.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows an apparatus positioned in an oropharyngeal region of a patient.

oropharyngeal region (1a)  
tongue (2a)  
lateral walls (2b)  
epiglottis (2c)  
posterior wall (2d)  
vallate (2e)  
base (2f)  
apparatus. (10)

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International Patent Class (Main): A61K-000/00; A61M-016/00

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File 155: MEDLINE(R) 1951-2005/Jul W3  
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File 73: EMBASE 1974-2005/Jul 22  
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File 34: SciSearch(R) Cited Ref Sci 1990-2005/Jul W3  
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File 434: SciSearch(R) Cited Ref Sci 1974-1989/Dec  
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| S4  | 81637  | APNE? OR SNOR?        |
| S5  | 12     | S1:S3 AND S4          |
| S6  | 128126 | OROPHARYN? OR PHARYN? |
| S7  | 7      | S1:S3 AND S6          |
| S8  | 19     | S5 OR S7              |
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10/6/1 (Item 1 from file: 73)  
03671037 EMBASE No: 1988120473  
Osmoregulation of thirst  
1988

10/6/3 (Item 3 from file: 155)  
10529325 PMID: 8114658  
Kangaroo care: research results, and practice implications and  
guidelines.  
Feb 1994

10/6/4 (Item 4 from file: 34)  
05710585 Genuine Article#: WR780 Number of References: 26  
Title: High-yield expression, purification, and characterization of active,  
soluble *Bacteroides fragilis* metallo-beta-lactamase, CcrA (ABSTRACT  
AVAILABLE)  
Publication date: 19970400

10/6/5 (Item 5 from file: 73)  
07819663 EMBASE No: 1999292104  
Glyceryl trinitrate and ritodrine in tocolysis: An international  
multicenter randomized study  
1999

10/6/6 (Item 6 from file: 155)  
13960428 PMID: 11715819  
Oral prodrug enters cephalosporin market.  
Nov 1 2001

10/6/8 (Item 8 from file: 155)  
15077200 PMID: 14633593  
Absence of human papillomavirus in tonsillar squamous cell carcinomas  
from Chinese patients.  
Dec 2003

10/6/10 (Item 10 from file: 155)  
15370442 PMID: 15182119  
Randomized controlled trial of kangaroo care: cardiorespiratory and thermal effects on healthy preterm infants.  
May-Jun 2004

10/7/2 (Item 2 from file: 155)  
DIALOG(R) File 155: MEDLINE(R)  
(c) format only 2005 The Dialog Corp. All rts. reserv.  
09395820 PMID: 2031080  
Hypothalamic syndrome and central sleep apnoea associated with toluene exposure.  
Teelucksingh S; Steer C R; Thompson C J ; Seckl J R; Douglas N J; Edwards C R  
University Department of Medicine, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.  
Quarterly journal of medicine (ENGLAND) Feb 1991, 78 (286) p185-90,  
ISSN 0033-5622 Journal Code: 0401027  
Publishing Model Print  
Document type: Case Reports; Journal Article  
Languages: ENGLISH  
Main Citation Owner: NLM  
Record type: MEDLINE; Completed  
Record Date Created: 19910620  
Record Date Completed: 19910620

10/7/7 (Item 7 from file: 5)  
DIALOG(R) File 5: Biosis Previews(R)  
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0013192997 BIOSIS NO.: 200100364836  
Sleep Apnea : Performance and magnetic resonance spectroscopy  
AUTHOR: Bartlett D J (Reprint); Rae C D; Thompson C H ; Joffe D; Enright S A; Linklater J; Grunstein R R (Reprint)  
AUTHOR ADDRESS: Sleep Disorders Service, St Vincents Clinic, Paddington, NSW, Australia\*\*Australia  
JOURNAL: Sleep (Rochester) 24 (Abstract Supplement): pA57-A58 April 15, 2001 2001  
MEDIUM: print  
CONFERENCE/MEETING: 15th Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies Chicago, Illinois, USA June 05-10, 2001; 20010605  
SPONSOR: Associated Professional Sleep Societies  
ISSN: 0161-8105  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Meeting; Meeting Abstract  
RECORD TYPE: Citation  
LANGUAGE: English

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17498681 PMID: 15511707  
Hippocampal area metabolites relate to severity and cognitive function in obstructive sleep apnea .  
Bartlett Delwyn J; Rae Caroline; Thompson Campbell H ; Byth Karen; Joffe David A; Enright Tony; Grunstein Ron R

Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia. [delwynb@med.usyd.edu.au](mailto:delwynb@med.usyd.edu.au)

Sleep medicine (Netherlands) Nov 2004, 5 (6) p593-6, ISSN 1389-9457  
Journal Code: 100898759

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Document type: Journal Article

Languages: ENGLISH

Main Citation Owner: NLM

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is associated with intermittent hypoxia and cognitive decrements. As the hippocampus is particularly susceptible to hypoxia, we hypothesized that it may show biochemical abnormalities, and they may relate to apnea severity.

PATIENTS AND METHODS: Eight males with OSA and five age-matched controls underwent neurocognitive testing before and after polysomnography and proton magnetic resonance spectra were obtained from the left hippocampal area of all subjects. RESULTS: In the left hippocampal area, N-acetyl-containing/creatinine-containing compounds was significantly increased in OSA ( $P=0.04$ ). Inspection of these compounds with respect to the water resonance indicated that this was most likely due to a decrease in creatine-containing compounds rather than any change in N-acetyl-containing compounds. Lower levels of hippocampal creatine-containing compounds were correlated with worse OSA severity and neurocognitive performance. CONCLUSIONS: We suggest the changes in creatine levels in the hippocampal area represent adjustments to brain bioenergetics, similar to those seen in ischemic preconditioning, and may reflect the different susceptibility of these tissues to hypoxic damage in OSA.

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| S2  | 434     | 'PICKWICKIAN SYNDROME' OR DC='C18.654.726.500.69<br>'C8.618.85.852.741.'   |
| S3  | 2863    | 'SNORING' OR DC='C23.888.852.779.850.'   |
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| S10 | 202     | S6(L) SURGERY  |
| S11 | 26      | S9 AND S10   |

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literature*

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DIALOG(R) File 155: MEDLINE (R)

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15028602 PMID: 14574285

**The efficacy of anatomically based multilevel surgery for obstructive sleep apnea.**

Kao Yi H; Shnayder Yelizaveta; Lee Kelvin C  
 Department of Otolaryngology, NYU School of Medicine, 530 First Ave,  
 Suite 3-C, New York, NY 10016, USA.

Otolaryngology--head and neck surgery - official journal of American  
 Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (United States) Oct 2003,  
 129 (4) p327-35, ISSN 0194-5998 Journal Code: 8508176

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Document type: Journal Article

Languages: ENGLISH

Main Citation Owner: NLM

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**OBJECTIVE:** Most reports in the literature focus on the efficacy of a single procedure for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). We review the overall efficacy of a surgical methodology based on localizing the level of anatomic obstruction for each patient and surgical correction of the nasal, oropharyngeal, or hypopharyngeal obstruction. **Study design and setting** Retrospective review of cases performed by a single practitioner using a systematic approach to surgery for OSA with preoperative and postoperative sleep studies. **RESULTS:** Forty-two patients with a respiratory disturbance index (RDI) greater than 15 were included in the study. Surgery involved at least 2 levels of obstruction usually performed in 2 stages. All patients reported symptomatic improvement. Overall, 83.3% (35 of 42) of patients were cured according to the accepted RDI criteria of more than 50% reduction and final RDI of less than 20. All 21 patients with mild OSA (RDI, <29), 73% of patients with moderate OSA (RDI, 30 to 49), and 50% of patients with severe OSA (RDI, >50) were cured. **CONCLUSION:** The use of an anatomically based methodology in approaching patients with OSA seems to offer a higher efficacy than a single procedure as reported in the literature.

Tags: Female; Male

Descriptors: \*Hypopharynx--anatomy and histology--AH; \*Hypopharynx--surgery --SU; \* Oropharynx --anatomy and histology--AH; \* Oropharynx --surgery --SU; \*Otorhinolaryngologic Surgical Procedures--methods--MT; \* Sleep Apnea, Obstructive -- surgery --SU; Adolescent; Adult; Body Mass Index; Body Weight; Disorders of Excessive Somnolence--epidemiology--EP; Humans; Middle Aged; Positive-Pressure Respiration--methods--MT; Postoperative Care; Preoperative Care; Retrospective Studies; Severity of Illness Index; Sleep Apnea, Obstructive --epidemiology--EP; Sleep Apnea, Obstructive --therapy--TH; Snoring --diagnosis--DI; Snoring --epidemiology--EP

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14829284 PMID: 12800790

Surgical management of obstructive sleep apnea.

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Clinics in chest medicine (United States) Jun 2003, 24 (2) p365-70, ISSN 0272-5231 Journal Code: 7907612

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Nasal CPAP is and should be the first-line treatment for OSA. Any physician who uses nasal CPAP undoubtedly recognizes that this treatment modality has limitations, however. The authors believe that surgery offers a viable alternative to nasal CPAP in patients who are intolerant of nasal CPAP. Potential risks and complications must be explained fully to any potential surgical candidate. The selection of surgical procedure(s) should be determined based on a patient's airway anatomy, medical status, severity of sleep apnea, and his or her desire and preference. (25 Refs.)

Descriptors: \*Sleep Apnea, Obstructive -- surgery --SU; Clinical Trials; Humans; Hypopharynx--radiography--RA; Hypopharynx-- surgery --SU; Laryngoscopy--methods--MT; Oral Surgical Procedures--methods--MT; Oropharynx --radiography--RA; Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; Sleep Apnea, Obstructive --diagnosis--DI

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Record Date Completed: 20030702

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13946053 PMID: 11699232

Dentistry's role in the management of sleep disorders. Recognition and management.

Bailey D R; Attanasio R

University of Colorado, School of Dentistry, Denver, Colorado, USA.

RM4E@aol.com

Dental clinics of North America (United States) Oct 2001, 45 (4)  
p619-30, ISSN 0011-8532 Journal Code: 0217440

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Nearly every practitioner in dentistry, no matter what his or her specialty or special interest, may have a potential role in the management of patients with a sleep disorder, particularly snoring and sleep apnea. More important, every dentist as a practitioner in the health care field should be able to assist the patient who is identified with a potential sleep disorder by making recommendations, referrals, or participating in the overall management. Sleep is essential to life and to overall health. Involvement by dentists is another step in the development of a closer relationship between dentists and their medical colleagues. The treatment of sleep apnea may be more successful, both in efficacy and compliance, if dentists and sleep specialists collaborate closely. The importance of this collaboration is certainly indicated by the creation of a Section on Oral Appliances within the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), which further unifies dentistry and medicine. Many dentists are not familiar with sleep medicine, its magnitude, and the prevalence of sleep disorders. To assist those looking to expand their knowledge, the pertinent organizations are listed in Appendix A, and a number of sleep-related organizations and websites are listed in Appendix B. It is up to each individual practitioner, in medicine and dentistry, to develop a better awareness of the field of sleep, its effect on a person's overall health, and how a person's quality of life can be improved by a better night's rest.

Descriptors: \*Professional Role; \*Sleep Disorders; \*Specialties, Dental; Humans; Mandibular Advancement; Occlusal Splints; Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; Patient Care Team; Sleep Disorders--diagnosis--DI; Sleep Disorders --therapy--TH; Societies, Medical

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13454121 PMID: 10419582

Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea.

Hudgel D W; Auckley D H

Pulmonary Division Sleep Disorders Program, MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio 44109-1998, USA.

Respiratory care clinics of North America (UNITED STATES) Sep 1999, 5  
(3) p379-94, viii, ISSN 1078-5337 Journal Code: 9612026

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Document type: Journal Article; Review; Review, Tutorial

Languages: ENGLISH

Main Citation Owner: NLM

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Options for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea are varied and ever-expanding. This article reviews the currently available treatment modalities in an evidence-based format. Focus is placed on the efficacy and

limitations of each particular therapy. (75 Refs.)

Descriptors: \*Sleep Apnea Syndromes --therapy--TH; Humans; Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; Orthodontic Appliances, Removable; Positive-Pressure Respiration; Sleep Apnea Syndromes --drug therapy--DT; Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU; Weight Loss

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13424541 PMID: 10385536

Oropharyngeal surgery in the management of upper airway obstruction during sleep.

Coleman J; Rathfoot C

Nashville Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic, Nashville, Tennessee 37203-1632, USA.

Otolaryngologic clinics of North America (UNITED STATES) Apr 1999, 32 (2) p263-76, ISSN 0030-6665 Journal Code: 0144042

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Document type: Journal Article; Review; Review, Tutorial

Languages: ENGLISH

Main Citation Owner: NLM

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In the surgical management of snoring and sleep apnea, surgery to the oropharynx was the initial procedure used to treat sleep-related disorders. This article reviews both the various procedures available for this and the benefits and drawbacks of these procedures so the practitioner may be able to choose which type would be most beneficial for a particular patient. (33 Refs.)

Descriptors: \*Airway Obstruction-- surgery --SU; \* Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; \* Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU; \* Snoring -- surgery --SU; Humans; Postoperative Complications; Uvula-- surgery --SU

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11500577 PMID: 8811823

Surgical management of obstructive sleep apnea.

Tiner B D

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio 78284-7908, USA.

Journal of oral and maxillofacial surgery - official journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (UNITED STATES) Sep 1996, 54 (9) p1109-14, ISSN 0278-2391 Journal Code: 8206428

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Languages: ENGLISH

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(36 Refs.)

Descriptors: \*Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU; Glossectomy; Humans; Laser Surgery; Mandible-- surgery --SU; Nasal Obstruction-- surgery --SU; Neck Muscles-- surgery --SU; Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; Tracheostomy

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07961108 PMID: 3618182

Cephalometric analysis and surgical treatment of patients with obstructive sleep apnea syndrome. A preliminary report.

Djupesland G; Lyberg T; Krogstad O

Acta oto-laryngologica (SWEDEN) May-Jun 1987, 103 (5-6) p551-7,  
ISSN 0001-6489 Journal Code: 0370354

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Oropharyngeal soft tissue profiles were studied by cephalometric analysis in 25 patients with obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSAS) and 10 controls. The length of the soft palate was significantly longer in patients (mean 48 mm) than in controls (mean 35 mm), as was the distance of close contact between the tongue and the soft palate. The thickness of the soft palate measured in the midsagittal plane was larger (mean 14 mm) than in the control group (mean 11 mm). The hyoid bone was more inferiorly positioned in patients than in controls, apparently giving the tongue a more upright position with more of the tongue tissue at the hypopharyngeal level than found in normals. In patients, the nasopharyngeal airway space, as well as the oropharyngeal airway space, had significantly reduced anteroposterior dimensions. Based on these data a new and modified surgical technique for treatment of OSAS patients has been developed. The surgical procedure is described, and some preliminary results concerning the effect of this operation in 16 patients are reported.

Tags: Male

Descriptors: \*Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; \* Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU; Adult; Aged; Cephalometry; Humans; Middle Aged; Oropharynx --anatomy and histology--AH; Sleep Apnea Syndromes --radiography--RA

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06912010 PMID: 6702191

A surgical treatment for snoring and obstructive sleep apnea.

Simmons F B; Guilleminault C; Miles L E

Western journal of medicine (UNITED STATES) Jan 1984, 140 (1) p43-6,  
ISSN 0093-0415 Journal Code: 0410504

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Descriptors: \*Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; \*Palate, Soft-- surgery --SU;  
\*Respiratory Sounds-- surgery --SU; \* Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU  
; \* Snoring -- surgery --SU; Humans; Snoring --physiopathology--PP  
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DIALOG(R) File 155: MEDLINE(R)  
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06663048 PMID: 6870642  
Surgical treatment of sleep apnea.  
Borowiecki B D; Sassin J F  
Archives of otolaryngology (Chicago, Ill. - 1960) (UNITED STATES) Aug  
1983, 109 (8) p508-12, ISSN 0003-9977 Journal Code: 0376526  
Publishing Model Print  
Document type: Journal Article  
Languages: ENGLISH  
Main Citation Owner: NLM  
Record type: MEDLINE; Completed  
Subfile: AIM; INDEX MEDICUS  
Contemporary surgical techniques and the preoperative and postoperative treatment of patients with this condition were analyzed, based on surgical treatment of 51 cases of obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSAS) and review of the relevant literature. The results indicate the permanent tracheostomy remains the established and highly successful method of treatment of carefully chosen patients with OSAS. Palatopharyngoplasty may also prove useful in treating certain select cases of OSAS, although careful analysis of a large number of successful cases followed up over an extended period of time will be needed. The development of new, effective surgical procedures in the treatment of OSAS depends on a complete understanding of the mechanisms involved in each individual airway obstruction.  
Tags: Female; Male  
Descriptors: \*Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; \* Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU; \*Tracheotomy--methods--MT; Adult; Humans; Methods; Postoperative Complications; Sleep Apnea Syndromes --physiopathology--PP  
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06663047 PMID: 6870641  
Snoring , and some obstructive sleep apnea, can be cured by oropharyngeal surgery.  
Simmons F B; Guilleminault C; Silvestri R  
Archives of otolaryngology (Chicago, Ill. - 1960) (UNITED STATES) Aug  
1983, 109 (8) p503-7, ISSN 0003-9977 Journal Code: 0376526  
Publishing Model Print  
Document type: Journal Article

Languages: ENGLISH

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Surgical resection of physiologically unneeded palate and oropharyngeal tissue can completely stop a large part of social snoring problems and benefit at least 50% of persons with the obstructive sleep apnea syndrome. We report detailed results of the conditions of 28 patients who underwent 50 palatopharyngoplasty (PPP) operations done by us since the concept was introduced two years ago. The results clearly prove that the social snoring problem of most patients can be fixed. The results are inconclusive as to just how PPP surgery fits into predictive management of sleep apnea. For some patients it is an effective alternative to tracheotomy.

Descriptors: \*Oropharynx -- surgery --SU; \*Palate, Soft-- surgery --SU; \*Respiratory Sounds-- surgery --SU; \* Sleep Apnea Syndromes -- surgery --SU; \* Snoring -- surgery --SU; Humans; Methods

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DIALOG(R) File 155: MEDLINE(R)

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09303433 PMID: 2135417

[Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea with a mandibular repositioning appliance]

Adachi S; Kunisu S; Sugita Y; Teshima Y; Taniguchi M; Sakuda M  
Department of Orthodontics, Osaka University Faculty of Dentistry.  
Osaka Daigaku shigaku zasshi The journal of Osaka University Dental  
Society (JAPAN) Jun 1990, 35 (1) p400-9, ISSN 0473-4629

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A patient with **obstructive sleep apnea** has been treated by means of a **mandibular repositioning appliance** made of silicone rubber. The patient is a male and 54 years old with a slim body and complained a excessive daytime **sleepiness** and unsatisfied **sleep**. A lateral head plate revealed retruded mandible and narrow A-P diameter in the lower part of **oropharynx**. Moderate frequency of **apnea** was found in the initial all-night polysomnographic recording. The mandible has been brought forward by 5 mm and downward by 11 mm, which enlarges the diameter of **oropharynx** anterio-posteriorly by 2-3 mm. Since the **appliance** has been inserted during bed-time, the daytime **sleepiness** and unsatisfied **sleep** has been eliminated. The second polysomnographic recording revealed significant increment of deep NREM **sleep** and REM **sleep** and decrement of arousal during **sleep** after **insertion** of the **appliance**. It is indicated, therefore, that the application of the **mandibular repositioning appliance** is one of the effective methods for the treatment of **obstructive sleep apnea**.

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09935841 PMID: 1403896

**Sleep apnea prosthesis for dentate patients.**

Knudson R C; Meyer J B; Montalvo R

Wilford U.S. Air Force Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.

Journal of **prosthetic dentistry** (UNITED STATES) Jul 1992, 68 (1)

p109-11, ISSN 0022-3913 Journal Code: 0376364

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Document type: Journal Article

Languages: ENGLISH

Main Citation Owner: NLM

Record type: MEDLINE; Completed

This article describes clinical and laboratory techniques for the fabrication of a **sleep apnea prosthesis** for a dentate patient. The treatment objective is to posture the mandible at an increased vertical and protrusive position to diminish or eliminate the collapse of the base of tongue into the **oropharynx**. During fabrication of the **prosthesis**, cephalograms are used to evaluate spatial change between the base of the tongue and the posterior **pharyngeal wall**.

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11387249 PMID: 8752487

[Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea syndrome with a mandibular positioning device and other nonsurgical modalities]

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Nihon Kyobu Shikkan Gakkai zasshi (JAPAN) Dec 1995, 33 Suppl p76-84, ISSN 0301-1542 Journal Code: 7505737

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Document type: Clinical Trial; Journal Article ; English Abstract

Languages: JAPANESE

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The therapeutic approach to a patient with **obstructive sleep apnea syndrome** (OSAS) must be individualized because of the heterogeneity in the pathogenesis of the disorder. Although nasal continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) is effective no matter what the pathogenesis, risk factors for this disorder should be identified in each patient. Nasal CPAP will be discussed by others. Weight loss is one of the best nonsurgical treatments of OSAS and it should be strongly recommended to obese patients with the disorder, even though only a few achieve satisfactory weight reduction. Sleeping in the lateral position or upright may be effective in some patients with OSAS. Acetazolamide, medroxyprogesterone, or protriptyline may also have a role in some patients, although the efficacy must be weighed against the considerable side effects. The cross-sectional area of the **oropharynx** measured by computed tomography in patients with OSAS was significantly lower than that in control subjects. Lateral cephalograms revealed a retarded mandible in many patients. A dental **device** designed to advance the mandible 2 to 7 mm and to eliminate the airway obstruction at the base of tongue was used in 20 consecutive patients (17 men and 3 women, average age 53.8 years) to treat the **obstructive sleep apnea**. The body mass index of the patients was 27.6 +/- 4.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (mean +/- SD). The **device** moved the mandible forward (p = 0.038) and increased the airway space in the lower part of the **oropharynx** (p = 0.031) as assessed with lateral cephalograms. After nightly use of the **device** for 24 to 211 days, overnight polysomnography was performed for two nights: without the **device** for the

first night and with it for the second night. The **apnea** index was reduced from an average of 30.7 to 18.5 events/hour (60.4% of the pretreatment value,  $p = 0.004$ ). The number of desaturations (more than 5% decrease from the base line  $SaO_2$ ) decreased and the lowest level of  $SaO_2$  increased: from 26.5 to 14.4 events/hour ( $p = 0.009$ ) and from 63.6 to 70.1% ( $p = 0.005$ ), respectively. Not every patient improved sufficiently. Eleven of 20 patients were classified as good responders, because of a reduction in **apnea** index of at least 50% of the pretreatment value, and the remaining nine patients were classified as poor responders. Use of the **device** reduced the severity ratings of **snoring** and excessive daytime **sleepiness** not only in the good responders but also in the poor responders. No serious complications were observed. The mandibular **positioning device** is an effective treatment for some patients with OSAS. The effectiveness of the **device** should be predicted from polysomnographic and cephalometric data, and from CT measurements of the upper airway and other characteristics of the patients.

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11706754 PMID: 9110629

A three-dimensional airway assessment for the treatment of **snoring** and/or **sleep apnea** with jaw repositioning intraoral appliances: a case study.

Smith S D

Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Orofacial Plastic Surgery, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pennsylvania, USA.

Cranio - the journal of craniomandibular practice (UNITED STATES) Oct 1996, 14 (4) p332-43, ISSN 0886-9634 Journal Code: 8609491

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Document type: Case Reports; Journal Article

Languages: ENGLISH

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The purpose of this **snoring** /**sleep apnea** study was to assess the role of 3-D magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the airway correlated to jaw repositioning/intraoral **appliance** design. A clinical case is presented utilizing this technology, integrating a diagnostic baseline and follow-up **sleep** study/ polysomnograph. The baseline polysomnography, prior to jaw repositioning **appliance** design, indicated a respiratory disturbance index (RDI) of 21.5 hypopnea/apneas per hour. The follow-up **sleep** study, with use of an intraoral repositioning **appliance**, showed a 3.9 per hour RDI, an 82% RDI reduction/improvement. Magnetic resonance TMJ and airway images were done. The MRI enhanced airway assessment computer software program analyzed the 3-dimensional volume and cross sectional area changes from hard/soft palate junction to epiglottis. Imaged were the **oropharynx** **nasopharynx** and **hypopharynx** regional anatomy. The baseline, without mandibular **positioning**

**device** , showed a total airway volume of 5,801.31 cubic mm, whereas with the mandibular **positioning device** in place, the total airway volume was increased to 8,657.22 cubic mm or a total increased volume of 32%. The largest improvement site in the airway was the mid-soft palatal uvula/nasopharynx region, with base of tongue moving forward. Along with

traditional polysomnography, 3-dimensional MRI airway imaging should be considered as a diagnostic procedure in assessing **sleep apnea** patients. The necessity of a combined medical/dental team approach is emphasized.

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12445265 PMID: 9757417

[Influence of the Esmarch splint on chewing and tongue muscle activity during sleep]

Einfluss der Esmarch-Schiene auf die Kau- und Zungenmuskelaktivitat wahrend des Schlafens.

Yoshida K

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto University.

Der Nervenarzt (GERMANY) Aug 1998, 69 (8) p666-70, ISSN 0028-2804

Journal Code: 0400773

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Document type: Journal Article ; English Abstract

Languages: GERMAN

Main Citation Owner: NLM

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To clarify the functional mechanism of the Esmarch device in the treatment of **sleep apnea**, its effect on muscle activity during **sleep** was studied electromyographically with and without the **appliance** at the inferior head of the lateral pterygoid muscle, the genioglossal muscle, and the masseter muscle in 15 patients with **sleep apnea syndrome**. During the **obstructive apnea** the muscles showed significantly lower amplitudes than before the **apnea**. No significant decrease in the amplitude was observed during the **central apnea**, but, after the **obstructive** and **central apnea**, significantly higher amplitudes were seen than beforehand. The amplitudes rose after the placement of the **appliance**, and the amplitudes of the genioglossal and lateral pterygoid muscles during **obstructive apnea** increased significantly after the insertion of the **appliance**. The results suggest that the **device** can activate the masticatory and tongue muscle activity and indicate that the muscles activated with the **appliance** can prevent obstruction in the **oropharynx**. The Esmarch **device** not only helps avoid obstruction by mandibular protraction, but also affects function by activating the muscles.

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12940896 PMID: 10893096

Treatment, airway and compliance effects of a titratable oral appliance.

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**STUDY OBJECTIVES:** To measure the effects of a titratable anterior mandibular repositioner on airway size and **Obstructive Sleep Apnea** (OSA) and to evaluate its compliance. **DESIGN:** Before and after insertion **sleep** studies were obtained in a total of 38 OSA patients of varying severity from three different sites. Covert compliance was measured by means of a newly-developed, miniaturized, temperature-sensitive, imbedded monitor. Validity testing was completed in six adult volunteers who wore monitors imbedded into small acrylic **appliances**. **MEASUREMENTS AND RESULTS:** The mean RDI before treatment was 32.6 (SEM 2.1) and after the **insertion** of the **appliance**, the RDI was reduced to 12.1 (SEM 1.7,  $p<0.001$ ). RDI was reduced to less than 15/hour in 80% of a group of moderate OSA patients (RDI 15 to 30) and in 61% of a group of severe OSA patients (RDI  $> 30$ ) with respect to baseline RDI. Fiber optic video endoscopy was performed on 9 OSA patients with and without the **appliance**. No significant differences in **hypopharynx** or **oropharynx** cross sectional areas were found, but at the level of the **velopharynx**, the airway size was significantly increased ( $p<0.05$ ). The index of agreement was 0.99 between the monitor clock time and the subject's log sheets. Compliance data from eight OSA subjects instructed to wear the **appliance** during **sleep** indicated that it was worn for a mean of 6.8 hours with a range of 5.6 to 7.5 hours per night. **CONCLUSION:** The titratable adjustable mandibular advancement **appliance**, made from thermoelastic acrylic, significantly reduces RDI in moderate to severe OSA patients, has a direct effect on airway size and is well worn throughout the night.

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Neuropathy with internal medical diseases. Advances in diagnosis and

treatments III. Neuropathy accompanied with respiratory system and circulatory system diseases 1. Sleep apnea syndrome., 1999

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**TREATMENT OF OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA SYNDROME**

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ABSTRACT: Satisfactory results in the treatment of **obstructive sleep apnea**

syndrome (OSAS) depend on precise diagnosis of the site and the severity of obstruction and application of the proper treatment. History-taking including sleep behavior, local and general physical examinations, X-ray examination, fluoroscopy, fiberscopy, polysomnography give use very useful informations for this decision. Among these, polysomnography is the most useful. OSAS is treated conservatively or operatively as indicated case to case. Among the conservative treatments, body weight reduction with hypocaloric diet is essential in the obese. Nasal CPAP is widely used and known to be effective, however, its long-lasting use is problematic. Medications of antibiotics and antiallergics are useful for reduction of mucosal swelling caused by inflammatory and allergic reactions. Application of a dental **prosthesis** protruding the mandible is effective. Among the surgical treatments adenotonsillectomy is mainly performed on the infants and children with OSAS. If OSAS is created by intranasal pathologies, intranasal surgeries of various types are applied. When the causative region exists in the palato- pharynx, UPPP is very effective. Tracheostomy gives an instant relief on heavy obstructive dyspnea. If we encounter such heavily disturbed cases, we should not hesitate to do tracheostomy.

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01025529 JICST ACCESSION NUMBER: 90A0396058 FILE SEGMENT: JICST-E  
Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea following pharyngeal flap  
operation with palatal lift prosthesis .  
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MIKIHIKO (2); MATSUYA TOKUZO (2); TAKADA KENJI (2); NISHIO JUNTARO (3)  
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Nippon Kogairetsu Gakkai Zasshi (Journal of Japanese Cleft Palate  
Association), 1990, VOL.15, NO.1, PAGE.29-44, FIG.13, TBL.1, REF.29  
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LANGUAGE: Japanese COUNTRY OF PUBLICATION: Japan  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
ARTICLE TYPE: Original paper  
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ABSTRACT: A case of obstructive sleep apnea occurred immediately after  
pharyngeal flap operation at age 4 years and 1 month was presented.  
Clinical manifestations included: a) tendency for micrognathia, b)  
large and long uvulae, c) relatively lesser mobility of the soft  
palate with pharyngeal flap, and b) frequent apnea though with  
thoracic respiratory movements during sleep. Clinical symptoms were  
monitored by roentgen cephalometry, language articulation test,  
polysomnography, and roentgen video system. These data revealed as  
follows; 1. Lateral cephalograms showed relatively small size of the  
mandible and retrpositioning of the mandible and tongue. The  
superiorly based pharyngeal flap located well below level compared to  
the palatal plane. There appeared less upward mobility of the soft  
palate during consonants. 2. Articulation test showed hyponasality  
during nasal sound production. 3. Apnea episodes (over 3 seconds  
duration) for 30 minutes during sleep averaged 59 times. 4. The  
roentgen video system showed that the upper airway obstruction was

initiated in the approximation of the dorsum of the tongue to the large uvulae and the soft palate, thus airtight relation in the **pharynx** was followed with the production of suction effect by thoracic inspiratory movements. 5. The application of palatal lift **prosthesis** appeared effective for relief of upper airway obstruction maintaining velolinguinal space and of other general complications. (author abst.)

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08963235 PMID: 2184230  
**Fabrication of a prosthesis to prevent sleep apnea in edentulous patients.**

Meyer J B; Knudson R C  
Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center, San Antonio, Tex.  
Journal of prosthetic dentistry (UNITED STATES) Apr 1990, 63 (4)  
p448-51, ISSN 0022-3913 Journal Code: 0376364  
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This article describes clinical and laboratory technique to use in the fabrication of a **prosthesis** to prevent **sleep apnea** in the edentulous patient. The objective of the treatment is to establish a comfortable protrusive and vertical posture of the mandible that prevents or minimizes obstruction of the airway during **sleep**. During fabrication of the **prosthesis**, cephalograms are used to assess spatial changes between the base of the tongue and the posterior **pharyngeal** wall.

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01904253 JICST ACCESSION NUMBER: 93A0525852 FILE SEGMENT: JICST-E  
**Long Term Effect of Palatal Lift Prosthesis (PLP) on Improvement of Respiratory Distress in a Case of Obstructive Sleep Apnea following Pharyngeal Flap Operation.**  
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Nippon Kogairetsu Gakkai Zasshi (Journal of Japanese Cleft Palate Association), 1993, VOL.18, NO.2, PAGE.210-219, FIG.7, REF.17  
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ARTICLE TYPE: Short Communication  
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ABSTRACT: This report described one case in which **obstructive sleep apnea syndrome** (OSAS) immediately following **pharyngeal flap operation** at 4

years of age had improved substantially through longterm palatal lift **prostheses** (PLP) treatment by 10 years of age. Clinical evaluation using videoradiography and lateral cephalogram at 5 years of age revealed that the OSAS in the case was caused by the airtight contact of tongue dorsum and immobile soft palate, which was attributed to retrpositioning mandible, less mobility of soft palate impeded by low shifted flap base, poor growth in vertical dimension of maxillae and adenoidal hypertrophy. PLP was applied to dissolve the airtight contact by maintaining the velolingual space through the elevation of the soft palate. The patient did not show respiratory distress for the first 4 years until 9 years of age in a condition with PLP, but OSAS had persisted in a condition without PLP. However, pulse oxymetrical assessment at 10 years of age revealed that respiratory function in the case without the PLP became normal because of the decrease in resistance in the upper air way associated with the vertical and anterior growth in maxillae and mandible respectively, and the involution of adenoid. These findings suggest that OSAS caused by **pharyngeal** flap operation at an early age can be well managed with PLP and that assessments including maxillofacial morphology as well as respiratory function should be continued until the age when the maxillofacial structures achieve enough growth and the involution of adenoidal tissue are recognized. (author abst.)

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Managing obstructive sleep apnea .

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Obstructive sleep apnea , cessation of breathing during sleep, is potentially life threatening and requires prompt intervention. A **prostheses** can reposition the mandible during sleep and minimize or prevent the tongue from collapsing against the **pharynx** . Two case reports discuss the effectiveness of **prosthetic devices**.

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Automatic control of airway pressure for treatment of obstructive sleep apnea .

Behbehani K; Yen F C; Burk J R; Lucas E A; Axe J R  
Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Texas at Arlington  
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Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) occurs when airflow ceases because of pharyngeal wall collapse in sleep. Repeated apneic events results in the development of a pathological condition called OSA syndrome. We describe the methodology and design of a prosthetic device, named automatic positive airway pressure (APAP), for treatment of this syndrome. APAP applies a stream of air via a nasal mask at an initial pressure selected by the patient. By sensing specific pressure characteristics of air flow immediately preceding pharyngeal wall collapse, the APAP device automatically raises the applied pressure to maintain a patent upper airway and thus prevent apnea. Conversely, when such conditions are absent, pressure is lowered step wise until a preselected minimum pressure is reached. Performance evaluation of the APAP system in five OSA patients and five normal (asymptomatic for sleep apnea) subjects revealed that it effectively treated OSA syndrome. It lowered the apnea-hypopnea index without disturbing sleep and resulted in a lower mean airway pressure compared to the traditional continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy. The results also show that the pressure needed to prevent OSA varied significantly throughout the night. For OSA syndrome patients, this pressure ranged from 3 to 18 cm H2O. The mean airway pressure for these patients had a sample average of 6.80 cm H2O and a standard deviation of 3.17 cm H2O. In normal subjects, the device did not raise pressure except in response to Pharyngeal Wall Vibration events.

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[Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea syndrome using a mandibular advancement prosthesis: review of the literature]

Le traitement du syndrome d'apnées obstructives du sommeil par les prothèses mandibulaires d'avancée: revue de la littérature.

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Revue de stomatologie et de chirurgie maxillo-faciale (FRANCE) Dec 1996,  
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The treatment of OSAS with **prosthetic devices** displacing forward and lowering the mandible in order to increase the size of the **pharyngeal** airway is seldom used at present. Some recent publications attracted our interest and we deemed it of interest to review them. Our work is mostly concerned with objective results as assessed by polysomnography, and also with cephalometric changes caused by the **device**. In spite of equivocal results at polysomnography, which seldom met commonly accepted criteria of successful treatment, indisputable therapeutic successes have been reported. Therefore, this simple, reversible and cheap **devices** could be advocated in cases of mild or moderate OSAS. However, their role in the therapeutic armamentarium of OSAS as well as their indications and efficacy need to be better assessed. (56 Refs.)

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Do oral appliances enlarge the airway in patients with obstructive sleep apnoea? A prospective computerized tomographic study.

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This study evaluated the effect of an anterior mandibular **positioning appliance** (AMPA) on minimum **pharyngeal** cross-sectional area (MPCSA) in 32 conscious supine **obstructive sleep apnoea** (OSA) subjects. The change in MPCSA was measured using low dose computerized tomography, with and without an AMPA *in situ*. The results showed that the mean presenting respiratory disturbance index (RDI) was 26.6 events/hour, with a body mass index of 28.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and mean age of 51.5 years. There was a statistically significant increase in MPCSA of 28.34 mm<sup>2</sup> on **appliance insertion** (SD = 59.06 mm<sup>2</sup>; range -145 to +190 mm<sup>2</sup>; P = 0.011). The mean mandibular displacement was 5.73 mm (SD = 2.51 mm) in protrusion and 8.27 mm (SD = 4.51 mm) inferiorly. A poor correlation was found between the size of the mandibular displacement and the change in MPCSA (protrusion r = 0.268; inferiorly r = 0.240, P > 0.05). In conclusion, the AMPA significantly increased MPCSA, suggesting that it may be an effective therapy for OSA. There was, however, a wide but unpredictable individual variation of response. As a small number of patients may worsen in their condition with temporary mandibular advancement (TMA), it is essential that all patients treated with TMA should be investigated by polysomnography both before and after treatment.

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Utility of prosthetic mandibular advancement (PMA) in patients with  
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ABSTRACT: A method for treating patients with obstructive sleep apnea is  
to use a dental **appliance** called a **prosthetic** mandibular  
advancement(PMA) **device** in an attempt to expand the upper airway. To  
date, no report details how the PMA **device** changes the upper airway or  
whether respiratory disturbance during **sleep** is improved. In this  
study, we observed changes in the upper airway resulting from use of  
the PMA **device**. We obtained cephalograms for 53 men who had been fitted  
with a PMA **device**. We measured the space in the upper airway and the  
positions of the dorsum linguae and vallecula **epiglottis** . We also  
studied the effectiveness of the PMA in 17 of the 53 patients in a  
**sleep** study. With use of the PMA **appliance**, the space in the upper  
airway increased significantly, causing the top part of the dorsum  
linguae to lower and shift forward markedly and the vallecula  
**epiglottis** to shift forward markedly. Results of the **sleep** study  
showed that **obstructive sleep apnea** improved significantly. (author  
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[A clinical study of sleep apnea syndrome]  
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Between December 1996 and June 2001 at Yamaguchi University Hospital  
overnight polysomnography (PSG) was conducted on 167 patients with **snoring**  
and **sleep apnea** . We treated **obstructive sleep apnea syndrome** (OSAS)  
patients with uvulo-palate- pharyngoplasty (UPPP), and/or nasal surgery,

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nasal continuous positive airway pressure (nasal-CPAP), and **prosthetic dental devices**. We studied the effects of surgery and dental **device** use by follow-up PSG. Nasal-CPAP therapy was done for lower subsequent compliance. We discuss results with reference to the literature.

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**MRI of the pharynx and treatment efficacy of a mandibular advancement device in obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome.**

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In **obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome** (OSAS), **prosthetic mandibular advancement devices** (MAD) seem to be a promising treatment alternative to conventional continuous positive airway pressure therapy. Unfortunately, while they are effective in some patients, they are ineffective in others or may even worsen OSAS. At present, it is not known whether predictors can be defined which allow for estimation of the potential effect of oral **appliances** on the severity of OSAS. Clinical and polysomnographical efficacy of a MAD was evaluated in 15 patients with OSAS. In addition, ultrafast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the **pharynx** was performed in 13 of these patients at rest during transnasal shallow respiration and during performance of the Muller manoeuvre, both with and without the MAD, and the site of closure was determined. The MAD reduced the mean apnoea/hypopnoea index (AHI) from  $19.8 +/- 14.5$  to  $7.2 +/- 7.4 \times h(-1)$ . Seven subjects (53.8%) had at least a 50% reduction in AHI to a value  $< 10 \times h(-1)$  with the MAD, whereas the MAD was ineffective in six patients. Five of the seven treatment responders had no significant **pharyngeal** obstruction during the manoeuvre with the **device**, while all of them had **pharyngeal** obstruction when not equipped with the **device**. Four of the six patients with treatment failure had a single **velopharyngeal** obstruction and two a combined obstruction of the **velo-** and **glossopharynx** during the Muller manoeuvre while wearing the **device**. The results of this study suggest that airway patency during the Muller manoeuvre while wearing a mandibular advancement **device** may be predictive of the success of **obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome** treatment with a mandibular advancement **device**.

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[Sleep apnea syndrome and obesity]

Syndrome d'apnées du sommeil et obésité

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Obesity is a main risk factor for **sleep apnea syndrome (SAS)**. The prevalence of SAS is especially high in massive obesity and in visceral obesity. The mechanisms of **obstructive apneas** in obesity are poorly known, but an increase in upper airway collapsibility probably plays an important role. Several cardiorespiratory complications of SAS, especially systemic arterial hypertension, diurnal **alveolar hypoventilation** and pulmonary arterial hypertension, are more frequent and more severe in obese patients. An important weight loss resulting from surgical treatment of obesity is often associated with a dramatic decrease in **apnea-hypopnea index** in patients with massive obesity. In patients with moderate obesity, dietary weight loss is associated with varying degrees of improvement in SAS. **Pharyngoplasty** and anterior mandibular **positioning devices** have a low success rate in patients with massive obesity. Nasal continuous positive airway pressure is often the only effective treatment in obese SAS patients. (51 Refs.)

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Use of the endotracheal tube as a pharyngeal airway.

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An animal study was conducted to determine whether an endotracheal tube placed above the vocal cords in the pharynx can be used for ventilation. Four dogs undergoing general anesthesia were ventilated through an

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endotracheal tube placed in the **oropharynx** with the remainder of the airway occluded. Ventilation was performed for 3 of every 5 minutes during a total period of 25 minutes. Arterial PCO<sub>2</sub> was compared in sequential samples alternating **apnea** and **pharyngeal** ventilation. Ventilation via the **pharyngeal** tube significantly reduced the arterial PCO<sub>2</sub> from 48.8 mm Hg (SD 16) during **apnea** to 30.1 mm Hg (SD 10.9). Repeated measures ANOVA F = 8.2, P < .001. All PCO<sub>2</sub> levels during ventilation were in or below the normal range of 34 to 46. Provided that the mouth and nose can be sealed, an endotracheal tube placed in the **pharynx** above the cords allows for adequate ventilation.

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**Cephalometric analyses and flow-volume loops in obstructive sleep apnea patients.**

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Fifteen patients with **obstructive sleep apnea syndrome** (OSAS) and 10 controls were studied. Polygraphic monitoring during **sleep** confirmed the presence or absence of OSAS. Ten OSAS patients and five controls had cephalometric analysis and 12 OSAS patients and five controls had a flow-volume loop study during wakefulness. Seven OSAS patients were submitted to both analyses. Flow-volume loops were unable to detect extrathoracic airway obstruction in six out of 12 OSAS patients. One control was found with positive results. Six out of seven subjects with positive flow-volume loops were overweight (greater than or equal to 30% ideal weight). Cephalograms were very useful in demonstrating mandibular deficiencies in OSAS patients. The length of the soft palate and the position of the **hyoid** bone, together with the measurement of the posterior airway space, are criteria of great interest in OSAS patients. Cephalometric analysis is recommended in all OSAS patients scheduled for surgical procedure. None of these tests, however, whether alone or in combination, is capable of identifying all cases of OSAS.

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**Obstructive sleep apnea and abnormal cephalometric measurements.**

**Implications for treatment.**

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The position of the hyoid bone, which anchors much of the tongue musculature, is often abnormally low in patients with **obstructive sleep apnea syndrome** (OSAS). Cephalometric measurements, frequently used to measure SNA and SNB angles, can also provide information on the posterior airway space (PAS), the mandibular plane, and the **hyoid** bone. This information is useful in determining the appropriate surgical treatment for OSAS patients.

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**Early decannulation with bilateral mandibular distraction for tracheostomy-dependent patients. Discussion**  
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**Obstructive sleep apnea** in the neonatal period may originate from a hypoplastic mandibular framework causing retroposition of the base of the tongue and an inadequate hypopharyngeal space. A tracheotomy in childhood is an effective treatment for **obstructive sleep apnea**, but it is associated with increased morbidity, management problems, and difficulties in social interaction. Tracheostomy-dependent pediatric patients who underwent mandibular distraction were reviewed to determine the effectiveness of this technique in achieving decannulation. A clinical review was completed to determine the status of the tracheostomy after external, unidirectional distraction in tracheostomy-dependent patients. Expansion of the mandibular framework was analyzed using traditional bony landmarks on predistraction and postdistraction lateral cephalograms. The area of the lower face was analyzed, and changes in the position of the **hyoid** bone were determined. Four patients with tracheostomies underwent an average of 21.3 mm and 20.8 mm of distraction on the left and right hemimandibles, respectively. The average age at the time of distraction was 2.7 years

(range, 2.2 to 3.2 years). All patients underwent successful decannulation at an average of 3.8 months (range, 1.5 to 5.5 months) after completion of distraction. The area of the lower face increased 26.9 percent (range, 12.2 to 53.5 percent) after distraction, and the **hyoid** bone advanced an average of 14.5 mm (range, 8 to 25 mm). Bilateral mandibular distraction is an effective method of expanding the mandibular framework and concomitantly advancing the base of the tongue. The technique provides a tool for early intervention and decannulation in pediatric patients with indwelling tracheostomies secondary to mandibular deficiencies.

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**Early decannulation with bilateral mandibular distraction for tracheostomy-dependent patients.**

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The effect of long-term mandibular advancement on the hyoid bone and pharynx as it relates to the treatment of obstructive sleep apnoea.

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A cephalometric analysis was carried out to determine the effects of long-term mandibular advancement on the hard and soft tissues of the upper airway and, in particular, the relationship of the **hyoid** bone to both the cranium and the cervical spine, following mandibular advancement. One hundred consecutively-treated patients (87 males and 13 females; mean age: 49.26 years; SD: 8.56; range: 33-74 years) diagnosed with **obstructive sleep apnoea** and/or habitual **snoring** were reviewed at 6-month intervals over 6 to 30 months of treatment with a mandibular advancement splint. Significant changes to both the **oropharynx** and **velopharynx** were observed. At 12 months, the posterior airway space had increased from 10.71 mm to 11.99 mm (mean difference: 1.28 mm). At 6 months, significant changes had occurred in the soft palate length and thickness: a mean reduction in length of 1.46 mm ( $p < 0.0001$ ) and in thickness of 0.57 mm. No changes were observed in the **hypopharynx**: the **position** of the **hyoid** bone remained unchanged in relation to both the cranium and cervical spine in all linear and angular measurements. The author concludes that mandibular advancement with oral appliances should be considered as a treatment for life.

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[Genioglossal advancement in the surgical treatment of obstructive sleep apnea syndrome in adults]

Genioglossus advancement v chirurgicke lecbe obstrukcniho spankoveho apnoickeho syndromu (OSAS) dospelych.

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A 68-year-old female referred for excessive daytime sleepiness, strong morning headaches, snoring and suspected chronic fatigue syndrome. The polyMESAM examination was performed with following results: Respiratory Disturbances Index--RDI (average number of apnoeas and hypopnoeas in one hour of registration) 26, Oxygen Desaturation Index--ODI (average number of oxygen haemoglobin saturation drops in one hour) 51, basal oxygen haemoglobin saturation 90% and average oxygen haemoglobin saturation minimas 82%. Her condition was rated as grave OSAS. CPAP therapy was, however, impeded by anxiety state caused by claustrophobia. Analysis of lateral cephalogram proved significant constriction of the retrolingual posterior airway space to 6 mm (the bottom standard limit for women is 12 mm), with a relatively good position of the hyoid bone. The genioglossus advancement surgery was therefore performed on the patient as the only causational therapy. Then the patient referred improvement of sleepiness, snoring, fatigue and morning headache. PolyMESAM recorded two months after the surgery showed a strong improvement of OSAS: RDI 11, ODI 14, basal oxygen haemoglobin saturation 93% and average oxygen haemoglobin saturation minimas 89%.

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A dental approach to sleep apnea syndrome.

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ABSTRACT: A sleep apnea syndrome(SAS) is one of the most common diseases.

The respiration of SAS patients stops in sleeping, and it causes many diseases. In the USA, the position of dentists on SAS has been established, and dentists have cooperated with medical doctors. In Japan, however, SAS is almost unknown among dentists. So, I report about a dental approach to SAS, and I hope the understanding of SAS will be deepened among dentists. One of dentists's role on SAS is to diagnose craniomandibular abnormality of SAS patients with lateral cephalograms. SAS patients have (1) dolico facial pattern (long face), (2) low positioned hyoid bone, (3) normal positioned maxilla and retruded mandible, (4) long soft palate and (5) narrow airway, and sometimes have tonsils and/or adenoids. The other dentist's role on SAS is to treat

with oral **appliances** (OA). There are two types of OA; one is the **sleep** splints type and the other is the tongue retaining **device** (TRD) type. A purpose of OA is to advance the mandible and the tongue, and to expand the airway of SAS patients. However the mechanism, the indication, and the quantities of advancement are not clear. So we will continue studies on OA about these points as we have done. (author abst.)

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Set Items Description

S1 2936 OROPHARYN?

S2 8680 PHARYN? OR EPIGLOTTI? OR GLOTTI? OR HYOID

S3 34130 PROSTHES?S OR PROSTHETIC? OR ORTHOS?S OR ORTHOTIC?

S4 9660861 INSERT? OR POSITION? OR PLACE? ? OR PLACING OR ARRANG?

S5 203901 IMPLANT? OR GRAFT???

S6 3167685 APPLIANCE? ? OR DEVICE? ?

S7 5831197 NITINOL OR WIRE OR SPRING OR SUPERELASTIC OR SUPER()ELASTIC

S8 12036 APNEA OR SNORING

S9 1881 (OBSTRUCTIVE OR SLEEP()DISORDERED)()BREATHING OR CENTRAL() -  
 ALVEOLAR()HYPOVENTILATION

S10 641 HYPERSOMNIA OR HYPERSOMNOLENCE OR (PICKWICK? OR ONDINE)()S-  
 YNDROME

S11 36674 S4:S5(2W)S6:S7

S12 1 S1(10N)(S3 OR S11)

S13 8 S2(10N)(S3 OR S11)

S14 8 S13 NOT S12

S15 6 RD (unique items)

S16 6 Sort S15/ALL/PD,A

S17 142 S4:S5(3N)S1:S2

S18 139 S4:S5(5W)S1:S2

S19 139 S18 NOT S12:S13

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S21 27 RD (unique items)

S22 3 S21/2003:2005

S23 24 S21 NOT S22

S24 24 Sort S23/ALL/PD,A

S25 0 S1(3N)S7(S)S8:S10

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S27 29 S26 NOT (S20 OR S12 OR S13)

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S28 23 RD (unique items)  
S29 3 S28/2003:2005  
S30 20 S28 NOT S29  
S31 20 Sort S30/ALL/PD,A

**12/3,K/1 (Item 1 from file: 149)**

DIALOG(R) File 149:TGG Health&Wellness DB(SM)  
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01301404 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 10948283 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Treatment of snoring and obstructive sleep apnea with a dental orthosis.**

Schmidt-Nowara, Wolfgang W.; Meade, Thomas E.; Hays, Marvin B.

Chest, v99, n6, p1378(8)

June,  
1991

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal ISSN: 0012-3692 LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional

WORD COUNT: 3767 LINE COUNT: 00403

... may be affected, and this may modify collapsibility. [14] Finally, the oral airway in the **orthosis** may alter pressures in the **oropharynx** so as to reduce narrowing and collapse during inspiration. More detailed imaging and studies of...

**16/3,K/2 (Item 2 from file: 98)**

DIALOG(R) File 98:General Sci Abs/Full-Text

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03023945 H.W. WILSON RECORD NUMBER: BGSI95023945

**Treating obstructive sleep apnea: can an intraoral prosthesis help?.**

Osseiran, Hasan S

Journal of the American Dental Association (J Am Dent Assoc) v. 126 (Apr.  
'95) p. 461-6

SPECIAL FEATURES: bibl il ISSN: 0002-8177

LANGUAGE: English

COUNTRY OF PUBLICATION: United States

...ABSTRACT: It is believed that this condition occurs when the tongue falls back against the posterior pharyngeal wall during **sleep** and obstructs the airflow. The **intraoral prosthesis**, was tested on 5 men aged between 27 and 53 years, one of whom later...

**16/3,K/3 (Item 3 from file: 149)**

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01655636 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 18898325 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Management of malignant esophagotracheal fistulas with airway stenting and double stenting.**

Freitag, Lutz; Tekolf, Edith; Steveling, Heinz; Donovan, Terrence J.;

Stamatis, Georgios

Chest, v110, n5, p1155(6)

Nov,  
1996

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal ISSN: 0012-3692 LANGUAGE: English  
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional  
WORD COUNT: 3178 LINE COUNT: 00277

... cases. J Surg Oncol 1977; 9:547-50 (26) Spinelli P, Cerrai FG, Meroni E. **Pharyngo-esophageal prostheses** in malignancies of the cervical esophagus. Endoscopy 1991; 23:213-14 (27) Orlowski TM. Palliative ...

16/3,K/4 (Item 4 from file: 149)  
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02005905 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 76609754 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**The difficult airway: Tools and techniques for acute management.**  
BLANDA, MICHELLE  
The Journal of Critical Illness, 15, 7, 358  
July,  
2000  
PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal; Refereed ISSN: 1040-0257  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext TARGET AUDIENCE: Academic;  
Professional  
WORD COUNT: 4340 LINE COUNT: 00366

... as in a burn patient with **glottic** edema, initially passing a smaller guide through the **glottis** may facilitate tube **insertion**. **Devices** used successfully for this purpose include suction catheters and tracheal tube exchangers that are **placed**...

24/3,K/10 (Item 10 from file: 149)  
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01621327 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 18315350 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea : a review.**  
Hudgel, David W.  
Chest, v109, n5, p1346(13)  
May,  
1996  
PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal ISSN: 0012-3692 LANGUAGE: English  
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional  
WORD COUNT: 10622 LINE COUNT: 00888

**Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea : a review.**  
... predict the success of **pharyngeal** surgery. (56), (57), (58) Palate length, posterior airway space, mandibular **position** and plane, and **hyoid bone position** are variables identified to be abnormal in patients with OSA. (56), (57), (58...)

DESCRIPTORS: **Sleep apnea syndromes...**

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01813489 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 53545104 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Treatment Success With a Mandibular Advancement Device Is Related to Supine-Dependent Sleep Apnea (\*).**

Marklund, Marie; Persson, Maurits; Franklin, Karl A.

Chest, 114, 6, 1630(1)

Dec,

1998

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal; Refereed ISSN: 0012-3692

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional

WORD COUNT: 3241 LINE COUNT: 00312

**Treatment Success With a Mandibular Advancement Device Is Related to Supine-Dependent Sleep Apnea (\*).**

... least 5 mm between the incisors, which intended to move the tongue in an anterior position with a subsequent increase in pharyngeal airway space (Fig 1). The device was made of SR-Ivocap or SR-Ivocap Elastomer...

DESCRIPTORS: Sleep apnea syndromes...

24/3,K/18 (Item 18 from file: 149)  
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01905028 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 62084093 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Dose-Dependent Effects of Mandibular Advancement on Pharyngeal Mechanics and Nocturnal Oxygenation in Patients With Sleep - Disordered Breathing (\*).**

Kato, Jiro; Isono, Shiroh; Tanaka, Atsuko; Watanabe, Toshihide; Araki, Daisuke; Tanzawa, Hideki; Nishino, Takashi  
Chest, 117, 4, 1065

April,

2000

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal; Refereed ISSN: 0012-3692

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional

WORD COUNT: 4931 LINE COUNT: 00452

**Dose-Dependent Effects of Mandibular Advancement on Pharyngeal Mechanics and Nocturnal Oxygenation in Patients With Sleep - Disordered Breathing (\*).**

... depends on the mandibular position.

(CHEST 2000; 117:1065-1072)

Key words: closing pressure; mandibular position ; obstructive sleep apnea; oral appliance; pharynx

Abbreviations: Amax = maximum area; BMI = body mass index;  
(CT.sub.90) = percent of time spent...

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01991381 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 74524177 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome: When to Suspect, How to Help.**

WEAVER, EDWARD M.  
Consultant, 41, 3, 397  
March,  
2001

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal; Refereed ISSN: 0010-7069  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional  
WORD COUNT: 4292 LINE COUNT: 00397

**Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome: When to Suspect, How to Help.**

... reduction (submucous resection, partial resection, intramural cautery, radiofrequency tissue reduction)

Septoplasty

Nasal valve suspensions (spreader grafts, suspension sutures)

Oropharynx

Palate surgery (uvulopalatopharyngoplasty, uvulopalatal flap (see Figure 2), laser-assisted uvulopalatoplasty, palatal advancement, and radiofrequency...)

DESCRIPTORS: Sleep apnea syndromes...

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02124381 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 95176853 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
Sleep disorders: obstructive sleep apnea syndrome, restless legs

syndrome, and insomnia in geriatric patients. (The Brain).

Barthlen, Gabriele M.  
Geriatrics, 57, 11, 34  
Nov,

2002

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal; Refereed ISSN: 0016-867X  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract TARGET AUDIENCE:  
Professional  
WORD COUNT: 3298 LINE COUNT: 00323

**Sleep disorders: obstructive sleep apnea syndrome, restless legs syndrome, and insomnia in geriatric patients. (The Brain).**

... is a custom-fitted dental mandibular advancement device, which locks the jaw in a protruded position, thus opening up the oropharyngeal space.

In patients who are unable to tolerate n-CPAP, an ear/nose/throat consult...

31/3, K/5 (Item 5 from file: 149)  
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01462799 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 16495570  
Inserting an oropharyngeal airway properly.

McConnell, Edwina A.  
Nursing, v24, n12, p20(1)  
Dec,  
1994

PUBLICATION FORMAT: Magazine/Journal ISSN: 0360-4039 LANGUAGE: English  
RECORD TYPE: Abstract TARGET AUDIENCE: Professional

**Inserting an oropharyngeal airway properly.**

ABSTRACT: Medical personnel should exercise patience in **inserting an oropharyngeal airway** to patients. They should choose the correct size of the airway and make sure...



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## Maxillofacial prosthetics.

**Grisius RJ.**

Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania.

Investigations are continuing in methods to preserve the dentition and to improve the quality of tissues for the patient receiving radiation to the head and neck. Increased knowledge related to obstructive sleep apnea presents the prosthodontist with an opportunity to provide support during the treatment of these patients. Advances in implant prosthodontics have increased our capability to rehabilitate the patient with intraoral or facial defects. Advances have been made in the use of light-cured materials as well as in the utilization of microwave energy to fabricate prostheses. Unfortunately, the ideal material to be used as a soft liner or for maxillofacial restoration continues to elude the profession.

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| S3  | 22317   | PROSTHES?S OR PROSTHETIC? OR ORTHOS?S OR ORTHOTIC?  |
| S4  | 5896532 | INSERT? OR POSITION? OR PLACE? ? OR PLACING OR ARRANG?  |
| S5  | 202523  | IMPLANT? OR GRAFT???  |
| S6  | 5131054 | APPLIANCE? ? OR DEVICE? ?   |
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014275940 \*\*Image available\*\*

WPI Acc No: 2002-096642/200213

Treatment of nasal-oropharyngeal obstruction in patient, involves using  
collapsible nasal-oropharyngeal tube

Patent Assignee: PHARMASYS INT LLC (PHAR-N)

Inventor: ZAMMIT G

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

| Patent No  | Kind | Date     | Applicat No   | Kind | Date     | Week     |
|------------|------|----------|---------------|------|----------|----------|
| US 6328753 | B1   | 20011211 | US 99379606   | A    | 19990824 | 200213 B |
|            |      |          | US 2000662918 | A    | 20000915 |          |

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99379606 A 19990824; US 2000662918  
A 20000915

Patent Details:

| Patent No  | Kind | Lan Pg | Main IPC    | Filing Notes   |
|------------|------|--------|-------------|--|
| US 6328753 | B1   | 9      | A61M-029/00 | Div ex application US 99379606<br>Div ex patent US 6183493 |

**Abstract (Basic):** US 6328753 B1

**NOVELTY** - Nasal-**oropharyngeal** obstruction in patient is treated by holding a collapsible nasal-**oropharyngeal** tube in a collapsed state and inserting the tube into patient's nasal passage via a nostril, so that the tube distal end is closer to the patient's **oropharynx** than the tube proximal end. The collapsible tube is expanded so that the distal end is flared and upper airway patency is maintained.

**USE** - For treating nasal-**oropharyngeal** obstructions, **sleep apnea** and related **breathing** disorders.

**ADVANTAGE** - The use of collapsible nasal-**oropharyngeal** tube minimizes trauma to the nasal passage, allows self-insertion by the patient and maintains nasal-**oropharyngeal** airway patency.

**DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S)** - The figure is a side view of the collapsed nasal-**oropharyngeal** tube.

Tube proximal end (2)

Tube distal end (3)

Retaining mechanism (6)

Release fiber (7)

pp; 9 DwgNo 4/12

**Technology Focus:**

**TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - INSTRUMENTATION AND TESTING - Preferred Method:** The nasal-**oropharyngeal** tube is held in a collapsed state using a retaining mechanism (6). It is expanded by pulling a release fiber (7), which is connected to the release mechanism. A continuous positive-airway-pressure compressor is connected to the tube proximal end using a regulating valve. The method may include applying an anesthetic lubricant to the nasal passage and respectively locating the tube proximal end (2) near the nostril opening and the tube distal end (3) near the **oropharynx**. The tube may be mounted on an **implanting device** and inserted into the patient's nasal passage while mounted on the **device**, and the **implanting device** is removed from the patient's nasal passage after the tube is expanded.

**POLYMERS - Preferred Material:** The nasal-**oropharyngeal** tube is made of hypoallergenic material, preferably polyvinyl chloride, polyurethane, polyethylene, or polypropylene. It may comprise **fenestrations**

Derwent Class: A96; P34

International Patent Class (Main): A61M-029/00

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013439164 \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 2000-611107/200058

**Intra-oral appliance for the prevention of snoring**  
Patent Assignee: ORTHO-TAIN INC (ORTH-N); BERGERSEN E O (BERG-I)  
Inventor: BERGERSEN E O  
Number of Countries: 089 Number of Patents: 003

**Patent Family:**

| Patent No    | Kind | Date     | Applicat No  | Kind | Date     | Week   |   |
|--------------|------|----------|--------------|------|----------|--------|---|
| US 6129084   | A    | 20001010 | US 98176778  | A    | 19981022 | 200058 | B |
| WO 200130260 | A1   | 20010503 | WO 99US25007 | A    | 19991025 | 200126 | N |
| AU 200012303 | A    | 20010508 | WO 99US25007 | A    | 19991025 | 200149 | N |
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 98176778 A 19981022; WO 99US25007  
A 19991025; AU 200012303 A 19991025

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AU 200012303 A A61C-005/14 Based on patent WO 200130260

Abstract (Basic): US 6129084 A

NOVELTY - An intra-oral **appliance** is disclosed for repositioning the user's mandible anterior to the user's maxillary teeth thus opening the user's oral and **pharyngeal** passageway and preventing **snoring** and **sleep apnea**. The **appliance** is two U-shaped plates joined to form a hinge. The upper plate has labial-buccal wall but no lingual wall, which allows anterior **positioning** of the tongue. The lower plate has both a labial-buccal wall and a lingual wall. The walls are pliable to reduce pressure on the user's teeth and vary in height and thickness. Lingual tabs are employed to help **position** the **appliance**. A method for using the intra-oral **appliance** is also disclosed.

USE - Intra-oral **appliance** for the prevention of **snoring**.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - A rear view of the preferred embodiment in an **open position**.

upper labial-buccal wall (16)

lingual edge (17)

lower labial-buccal wall (26)

first hinge portion (32)

second hinge portion. (33)

pp; 8 DwgNo 3/8

Derwent Class: P32

International Patent Class (Main): A61C-005/14; A61F-005/56

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011042977

WPI Acc No: 1997-020901/199702

Indwelling one-way valve prosthesis for hands-free tracheoesophageal speech - has supporting flanges adapted to contact anterior mucosa of trachea around stoma to achieve airtight seal to support one-way valve in place

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012965039

WPI Acc No: 2000-136890/200012

New three dimensional prosthesis in shape of body part useful for

reconstruction of human or animal body parts including nose, nasal septum, pharynx and joints

Patent Assignee: FIDIA ADVANCED BIOPOLYMERS SRL (FIDI-N)

Inventor: CALLEGARO L; PASTORELLO A; RADICE M

Number of Countries: 087 Number of Patents: 007

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| AU 9946115    | A    | 20000105 | AU 9946115    | A    | 19990616 | 200024   |
| EP 1087797    | A1   | 20010404 | EP 99929241   | A    | 19990616 | 200120   |
|               |      |          | WO 99EP4167   | A    | 19990616 |          |
| IT 1300270    | B    | 20000503 | IT 98PD149    | A    | 19980617 | 200206   |
| JP 2002518101 | W    | 20020625 | WO 99EP4167   | A    | 19990616 | 200243   |
|               |      |          | JP 2000554411 | A    | 19990616 |          |
| AU 761325     | B    | 20030605 | AU 9946115    | A    | 19990616 | 200341   |
| US 6642213    | B1   | 20031104 | WO 99EP4167   | A    | 19990616 | 200374   |
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): IT 98PD149 A 19980617

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IT 1300270 B A61F-002/00

JP 2002518101 W 29 A61L-027/00 Based on patent WO 9965534

AU 761325 B A61L-015/28 Previous Publ. patent AU 9946115

Based on patent WO 9965534

US 6642213 B1 A61K-031/715 Based on patent WO 9965534

Abstract (Basic): WO 9965534 A1

NOVELTY - A three dimensional (3D) **prosthesis** (I) in a body part shape comprises at least one 3D matrix with an essentially fibrous or porous structure, containing at least one hyaluronic acid derivative. The **prosthesis** contains at least two of the 3D matrixes, one incorporates and/or is adhered to the other matrices and optionally incorporates and/or adheres to a bidimensional perforated matrix.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

(1) a process for the preparation of a 3D **prosthesis** where the matrix is a 3D matrix with an essentially fibrous structure and incorporates a porous 3D matrix and comprises:

(a) lining a mold with a layer of nonwoven tissue comprising a hyaluronic acid derivative;

(b) impregnating the non woven tissue in the mold with an aqueous solution of a quaternary ammonium salt of hyaluronic acid or a hyaluronic acid derivative;

(c) freeze-drying the content of the mold therefore obtaining a **prostheses** having a matrix A1 incorporating the matrix B consisting of

the ammonium salts;

(d) optionally converting the ammonium salt contained in the prostheses coming from step (c) into a hyaluronic acid; and

(e) freeze-drying the product from (c); and

(2) a process for preparing (I) where the matrix is an essentially porous 3D matrix or is the product of step (c) or (d) of (1) and is adhered to an essentially fibrous 3D matrix comprising:

(a) applying a thin layer of a solution of a hyaluronic acid derivative in a suitable aqueous or organic solvent;

(b) applying to the freeze-dried product from (a) a non-woven tissue comprising a hyaluronic acid derivative; and

(c) freeze-drying the product of (b).

USE - The three dimensional prosthesis (I) is useful for reconstruction of human or animal body parts e.g. nose, nasal septum, pharynx, larynx, joints, bone structures, eye socket, cardiac valves, blood vessels, nipple, navel, internal organs and their parts, the secondary sexual organs or especially auricula, knuckles or temporomandibular joint. (I) is useful in general, internal, otorhinolaryngological, plastic, aesthetic, oncological, orthopaedic, cardiovascular, gynaecological and abdominal surgery and neurosurgery (all claimed). (I) is useful for acting as scaffolds for cell cultures. (I) is useful for the reconstruction of human or animal parts which have been damaged or are missing following trauma or as a result of congenital defects.

ADVANTAGE - The three dimensional prosthesis (I) is made easily into any form, however complex and according to the chemical structure of the hyaluronic acid derivative used and according to the degree of esterification have the advantage of having tensile strength and degradation times that can be adjusted according to the requirement of the area to be reconstructed.

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Derwent Class: A11; A14; A28; A96; B07; D16; D22; P32; P34

International Patent Class (Main): A61F-002/00; A61K-031/715; A61L-015/28  
; A61L-027/00

International Patent Class (Additional): A61L-015/00; C08B-037/00;  
C12N-005/06

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003255394

WPI Acc No: 1982-A9506E/198204

Pharyngeal -oesophageal segment pressure prosthesis - has U-shaped rigid support band with flexible strap secured between ends and pressure pad secured to centre

Patent Assignee: UNIV OF TEXAS (UYTE-N)

Inventor: KELLY D H

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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| US 4308861 | A    | 19820105 |             |      | 198204 | B    |

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 80134448 A 19800327

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes  
US 4308861 A 6

Abstract (Basic): US 4308861 A

The **pharyngeal** -oesophageal segment pressure **prosthesis** is for providing pressure to a weakened **pharyngeal** -oesophageal segment area of the neck of a laryngectomised person. The **prosthesis** comprises a rigid support band having a U-shaped configuration, and a pad assembly having a curvilinear exterior surface for providing diffuse pressure application to the weakened **pharyngeal** -oesophageal segment area of the patient.

The pressure provided establishes a degree of integrity for the segment area sufficient to permit resonance vibration of the segment area to effect oesophageal speech. The pad assembly is pivotably and rotatably mounted to the support band; and a flexible strap mechanism for securing the **prosthesis** around the neck has its ends coupled to the free ends of the support band.

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Derwent Class: P32

International Patent Class (Additional): A61F-005/00

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016435388

WPI Acc No: 2004-593305/200457

Snoring treatment involves implanting microstimulator(s) in proximity of the anatomical structure(s), and energizing the microstimulator to deliver an electrical stimulation to the anatomical structure

25/26, TI/6 (Item 6 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX

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014029396

WPI Acc No: 2001-513610/200156

Obstructive sleep apnea treatment involves applying electrical stimulus to electrodes at rate equal to that of natural respiration cycle so that oropharynx muscles are stimulated

25/26, TI/9 (Item 9 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX

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011010556

WPI Acc No: 1996-507506/199651

Electrical stimulation treatment appts for sleep apnea . - Uses inflatable elastic balloon to provide signal from oropharynx with stimulation electrode placed on hypoglossal nerve.

25/34/2 (Item 2 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX

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016577368 \*\*Image available\*\*

WPI Acc No: 2004-736105/200472

Enhanced breathing device for insertion into user's mouth, comprises flexible tube having extra-oral, intermediate, and intra-oral segments, and stop mounted on to secure intra-oral segment within oropharynx

Patent Assignee: MILLER C S K (MILL-I)

Inventor: MILLER C S K

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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| US 20040194785 | A1   | 20041007 | US 2003405782 | A    | 20030401 | 200472 B |
|                |      |          | US 2004816566 | A    | 20040401 |          |

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2004816566 A 20040401; US 2003405782 A 20030401

Patent Details:

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|----------------|------|--------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| US 20040194785 | A1   | 18     | A61M-016/00 | CIP of application US 2003405782 |

Abstract (Basic): US 20040194785 A1

NOVELTY - An enhanced breathing device comprises a flexible hollow tube having an extra-oral segment extending externally from the user's mouth, an intra-oral segment extending into the user's mouth, and an intermediate segment extending between the extra- and intra-oral segments; and a stop mounted on the tube to secure the intra-oral segment within the **oropharynx** and to prevent lengthwise movement of the tube relative to the user's mouth.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An enhanced breathing device (10E) comprises a flexible hollow tube having proximal and distal ends, an outer perimeter, an extra-oral segment (14), an intra-oral segment (18), and an intermediate segment (16); and a stop (13) mounted on the tube to secure the intra-oral segment within the **oropharynx** (30) and to prevent lengthwise movement of the tube relative to the mouth of a user. The extra-oral segment extends to the proximal end and externally from the mouth of the user, and has opening(s). The intra-oral segment extends to the distal end and into the mouth of the user, and has opening(s) and a length extending beyond a retromolar space (27) into the **oropharynx** and terminating between the posterior tongue and the soft palate. The intermediate segment extends between the extra- and intra-oral segments and has a length extending along the buccopharyngeal pathway of the mouth of the user. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a method of creating a buccopharyngeal airway in a mouth of a user, by providing a flexible hollow tube, **positioning** an extra-oral segment of the tube exterior to the mouth of the user, **positioning** an intra-oral segment of the tube beyond a retromolar space in the mouth of the user into the **oropharynx** and terminating between the posterior tongue and soft palate, and **positioning** an intermediate segment of the tube along the buccopharyngeal pathway of the mouth of the user.

USE - The enhanced breathing device is designed for insertion into a user's mouth to provide unobstructed buccopharyngeal pathway for inspiratory and expiratory airflow to enhance breathing during sleep or sedation of the user. It may be an anti- snoring device or a medical device that enhances breathing of the user during medical procedure (claimed).

ADVANTAGE - The inventive device provides unobstructed buccopharyngeal pathway for inspiratory and expiratory airflow to enhance breathing during sleep or sedation of the user. It reduces

dynamic vibratory resonance that results in **snoring**.

**DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S)** - The figure is a cross-sectional view of the upper side of a user's mouth having the inventive enhanced **breathing device**.

**Enhanced breathing device (10E)**

**Stop (13)**

**Extra-oral segment (14)**

**Intermediate segment (16)**

**Intra-oral segment (18)**

**Open end of extra-oral segment (20)**

**Open end of intra-oral segment (21A)**

**Retromolar space (27)**

**Posterior oropharynx (30)**

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**Technology Focus:**

**TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - INSTRUMENTATION AND TESTING - Preferred**

**Components:** The stop abuts a rear molar in the mouth of the user. It is adjustable lengthwise along the tube and slidably movable along the tube outer perimeter. The stop may be formed as a preformed expansion in the tube. An extension is provided on the intra-oral segment of the tube to prevent distal movement of the stop. The tube distal end is angled to facilitate **insertion** of the intra-oral segment into the retromolar space. The tube includes an outer preformed bend having a convex side and an opposite concave side. The extra-oral segment comprises an open end and ventilation opening(s), the intra-oral segment comprises an open end and ventilation opening(s) disposed on the convex and/or concave side of the tube, and the intermediate segment has ventilation opening(s) disposed on upper side(s) between the convex and concave sides of the tube and an opposite lower side of the tube. The open end of intra-oral segment is angled starting from an upper side of the tube to a lower side of the tube. The tube may have a performed outer shape including a first portion with a concave surface and an opposite convex surface, and a second portion with a convex surface and an opposite concave surface. A retention diaphragm is slidably mounted on the tube for securing the intermediate segment within the user's buccopharyngeal pathway. The device includes an oxygen source having an outlet disposed proximate the tube to allow oxygen to flow from the outlet of the oxygen source to the tube. The outlet of oxygen source is connected to the extra-oral segment, and the tube comprises a connector stem removably connected to the outlet of oxygen source. An end of oxygen source is disposed in surrounding relation to the extra-oral segment, or the outlet of oxygen source is connected to a mask that is disposed in surrounding relation to the extra-oral segment. **Preferred Dimensions:** The stop has an outer perimeter larger than the retromolar space, and the outer perimeter of the tube is smaller than the retromolar space.

**Derwent Class:** B07; D22; P34

**International Patent Class (Main):** A61M-016/00

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WPI Acc No: 2004-698969/200468

Anti-snoring device for insertion into user's mouth to prevent, e.g. snoring, has flexible hollow tube having intraoral segment extending beyond retromolar space, into oropharynx and terminating between posterior tongue and soft palate

Patent Assignee: MILLER C S K (MILL-I)

Inventor: MILLER C S K

Number of Countries: 108 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

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| US 20040194787 | A1   | 20041007 | US 2003405782  | A    | 20030401 | 200468 B |
| WO 200489271   | A2   | 20041021 | WO 2004US10030 | A    | 20040401 | 200469   |

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Abstract (Basic): US 20040194787 A1

NOVELTY - An anti-snoring device has flexible hollow tube including an extraoral segment extending to its proximal end and beyond user's outer lips; intraoral segment extending to its distal end and beyond a retromolar space, into oropharynx and terminating between posterior tongue and soft palate; and intermediate segment extending between the extraoral and intraoral segments and along buccopharyngeal pathway of the user's mouth.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An anti-snoring device (10) includes a flexible hollow tube for insertion into user's mouth (25), having proximal and distal ends and an outer perimeter, and a stop (13) extending from the outer perimeter of the tube on an intraoral segment for securing the intraoral segment against movement along a lengthwise direction of the tube within the user's oropharynx. The tube includes an extraoral segment (14) extending to the proximal end of the tube and has opening(s) for extending beyond the user's outer lips; an intraoral segment (18) extending to the distal end of the tube and has opening(s) and extending beyond a retromolar space (27) in the user's mouth, into the oropharynx and terminating between the posterior tongue and the soft palate; and an intermediate segment (18) extending between the extraoral and intraoral segments and along a buccopharyngeal pathway (11) of the user's mouth.

An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for reducing snoring in a user's mouth by inserting into the user's mouth the flexible hollow tube; positioning the extraoral segment of the tube exterior to the user's lips; positioning the intraoral segment of the tube beyond a retromolar space in the user's mouth, into the oropharynx and terminating between the posterior tongue and the soft palate; and positioning an intermediate segment of the tube along the buccopharyngeal pathway of the user's mouth.

**USE** - The anti- snoring device is for insertion into a user's mouth for providing an unobstructed buccopharyngeal pathway for inspiratory and expiratory airflow to prevent snoring, sleep disordered breathing and/or obstructive sleep apnea.

**ADVANTAGE** - The anti- snoring device creates a unique buccopharyngeal pathway for inspiratory and expiratory airflow during sleep. It allows the buccopharyngeal pathway to be stented open even with the user's mouth closed and allows the user's dentition to remain in its natural and normal position, while accommodating normal jaw movement, thus normal swallowing, throat clearing, yawning, coughing and sneezing are not disturbed. It eliminates snoring, sleep disordered breathing, and obstructive sleep apnea because the intraoral segment stents open or separates the posterior tongue and the soft tissue of the soft palate, which tend to collapse and vibrate during sleep to create the sound of snoring. It allows free flow of air to the posterior oral cavity at a markedly reduced resistance that allows for a decreased vacuum (negative) pressure of inspiration and a reduced pulsion (positive) pressure of expiration.

**DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S)** - The figure is a cross-sectional view of the upper side of user's mouth having anti- snoring device.

Anti- snoring device (10)  
Buccopharyngeal pathway (11)  
Stop (13)  
Extraoral segment (14)  
Intermediate segment (16)  
Intraoral segment (18)  
Mouth (25)  
Retromolar space (27)  
Ventilation opening (24A-D)  
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**Technology Focus:**

**TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - INSTRUMENTATION AND TESTING - Preferred Component:** The stop comprises an outer perimeter that is larger than the retromolar space, and an inner aperture that is slightly smaller than the outer perimeter of the tube to resist movement along the tube. The outer perimeter of the tube is smaller than the retromolar space. The inner aperture of the stop is mounted on the outer perimeter of the tube when a force is applied by the user. The extraoral segment and intraoral segment comprise an open end. The tube comprises an outer preformed bend having a convex side and an opposite concave side. The intraoral segment, intermediate segment, and extraoral segment comprise ventilation opening(s) (24A-D). The ventilation opening(s) of the intermediate segment is disposed on an upper side between the convex and concave sides of the tube and an opposite lower side of the tube. The ventilation opening(s) of the extraoral segment is disposed on the convex side of the tube. The anti- snoring device further includes retention diaphragm on the intermediate segment of the tube for securing the intermediate segment within the user's buccopharyngeal pathway. The retention diaphragm is flexible and comprises a first side for conforming to the user's inner lips and a second side for conforming to an outer surface of the user's teeth. The retention diaphragm is adjustable along the length of the intermediate segment. It has an inner aperture that is smaller than the outer perimeter of the tube and mounted along the outer perimeter of the tube. The tube has a performed outer shape comprising a first portion with a first concave surface and an opposite first convex surface, and a second

portion with a second convex surface and an opposite second concave surface. The stop is formed as a preformed expansion in the tube.

**Preferred Property:** The stop has a thickness of 0.3-2.5 French. It is adjustable along the length of the intraoral segment. The end of the intraoral segment is angled to facilitate insertion of the intraoral segment into the retromolar space. The intraoral segment is angled starting from an upper side of the tube to a lower side of the tube. A perimeter of the retention diaphragm around the tube is rectangular in shape.

**POLYMERS - Preferred Material:** The flexible hollow tube, the stop, and retention diaphragm, each comprises a non-latex polyvinyl chloride material

Derwent Class: A96; P32

International Patent Class (Main): A61F-005/56; A61H-000/00

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WPI Acc No: 2001-181851/200118

Collapsible device for treating, e.g., nasal- oropharyngeal obstructions, includes collapsible nasal- oropharyngeal tube, and retaining fiber, tie, or clasp for retaining the tube in collapsed state

Patent Assignee: PHARMASYS INT LLC (PHAR-N)

Inventor: ZAMMIT G

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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| US 6183493 | B1   | 20010206 | US 99379606 | A    | 19990824 | 200118 B |

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99379606 A 19990824

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| US 6183493 | B1   | 10  |    | A61M-029/00 |              |

Abstract (Basic): US 6183493 B1

**NOVELTY** - A collapsible device, comprises a collapsible nasal- oropharyngeal tube (1), in which in an expanded state, the tube's distal end is flared and the lumen (5) of the tube defines an unobstructed airway, and in a collapsed state at least the tube's distal end width is reduced; and a retaining fiber, tie, or clasp (6) for retaining the tube in a collapsed state.

**USE** - The invention is useful for treating nasal- oropharyngeal obstructions, sleep apnea, and related breathing disorders.

**ADVANTAGE** - The invention provides effective, convenient, and comfortable treatment of nasal- oropharyngeal obstructions, sleep apnea, and related breathing disorders.

**DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S)** - The figures show a view of the collapsed tube, and a side view of the collapsed tube.

Tube (1)

Lumen (5)

Retaining fiber, tie, or clasp (6)

Release fiber (7)

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Technology Focus:

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - POLYMERS - Preferred Material: The tube comprises polyvinylchloride, polyurethane, polyethylene, or polypropylene.

INSTRUMENTATION AND TESTING - Preferred Device: The device also includes an anesthetic coating, a lubricant coating, a release fiber (7), and a mandrel mounted through the lumen of the tube. The device may include a sheath with a lumen, in which the sheath covers the tube and the sheath's lumen retains the tube in a collapsed state.

Derwent Class: A96; D22; P34

International Patent Class (Main): A61M-029/00

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WPI Acc No: 1998-322434/199828

Device for preventing snoring and sleep apnea - has pair of tubes for insertion through nostrils of subject, outer ends of tubes being joined together by bridge to locate inner ends in oropharynx region

Patent Assignee: CHRAP RP LTD (CHRA-N)

Inventor: GINDIS R

Number of Countries: 072 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

| Patent No  | Kind | Date     | Applicat No | Kind | Date     | Week     |
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| WO 9823233 | A1   | 19980604 | WO 97IL387  | A    | 19971126 | 199828 B |
| AU 9851325 | A    | 19980622 | AU 9851325  | A    | 19971126 | 199844   |

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AU 9851325 A A61F-005/56 Based on patent WO 9823233

Abstract (Basic): WO 9823233 A

The device comprises a pair of tubes (12) of a diameter to permit their insertion through the nostrils of a subject, and of a length such that when so inserted the tubes' outer ends are located externally of the subject's nostrils and the inner ends of the tubes (12) extend through the nasopharynx region to the oropharynx region.

The outer ends of the tubes (12) are joined by a bridge limiting the inward movement of the tubes (12). The inner end portion has perforations (11) or grooves running longitudinally along the sides of the tubes (12), allowing the tubes' ends to cave in while swallowing. The inner end portion contains a pair of opposite holes for facilitating the air passage.

ADVANTAGE - Proves simple and effective device.

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Derwent Class: P32

International Patent Class (Main): A61F-005/56

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011007998 \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 1996-504948/199650

Universal, user-adjustable oral cavity appliance designed to control snoring and reduce sleep apnoea - includes lingual mandibular pressure strap to contact and embed in lingual mandibular tissues below mandibular anterior teeth and to push against contacted lingual mandibular tissues

Patent Assignee: SNORELESS CORP (SNOR-N)

Inventor: AGRE B T; BUZZARD L D; BUZZARD R D; KENYON P L

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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| US 5570704 | A    | 19961105 | US 93144652 | A    | 19931028 | 199650 B |
|            |      |          | US 94359881 | A    | 19941220 |          |

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 94359881 A 19941220; US 93144652 A 19931028

Patent Details:

| Patent No  | Kind | Lan Pg | Main IPC    | Filing Notes                   |
|------------|------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| US 5570704 | A    | 11     | A61F-005/56 | CIP of application US 93144652 |

Abstract (Basic): US 5570704 A

The appliance comprises a lingual mandibular pressure strap device to contact and to embed in the lingual mandibular tissues below the mandibular anterior teeth and to push against the contacted lingual mandibular tissues. There is a labial maxillary pressure strap device to contact and to embed in the labial maxillary tissues above the maxillary anterior teeth and to pull against the contacted labial maxillary tissues.

There is also a device for adjustably connecting the straps such that the relative position of each the strap to the other may be varied to obtain a separation between the maxilla and mandible and a forward thrust of the mandible sufficient to prevent occlusion of the oropharyngeal airway.

ADVANTAGE - Can be used by a person with no natural dentition or prosthetic dentition to give relief from snoring and sleep apnoea and that provides for breathing through mouth, nares or both.

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Derwent Class: P32

International Patent Class (Main): A61F-005/56

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WPI Acc No: 1995-206760/199527

An oral device for regulating the jaw position during sleep. - keeps the lower jaw forward, and prevents occlusion of the nasopharynx, the

oropharynx, and the hypopharynx, preventing or reducing snoring

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Inventor: INGEMARSSON-MATZEN N; VOSS T; INGEMARSSON N S; DE VOSS T; INGEMARSSON-MATZEN S

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| WO 9514449  | A1   | 19950601 | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 | 199527 | B |
| AU 9510638  | A    | 19950613 | AU 9510638  | A    | 19941124 | 199539 |   |
| DK 9301315  | A    | 19950613 | DK 931315   | A    | 19931124 | 199610 |   |
| NO 9601893  | A    | 19960510 | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 | 199632 |   |
|             |      |          | NO 961893   | A    | 19960510 |        |   |
| FI 9602185  | A    | 19960719 | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 | 199642 |   |
|             |      |          | FI 962185   | A    | 19960523 |        |   |
| EP 794749   | A1   | 19970917 | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 | 199742 |   |
|             |      |          | EP 95901359 | A    | 19941124 |        |   |
| AU 691849   | B    | 19980528 | AU 9510638  | A    | 19941124 | 199833 | N |
| JP 10508762 | W    | 19980902 | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 | 199845 |   |
|             |      |          | JP 95514760 | A    | 19941124 |        |   |
| CA 2177284  | C    | 20000606 | CA 2177284  | A    | 19941124 | 200041 |   |
|             |      |          | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 |        |   |
| EP 794749   | B1   | 20030611 | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 | 200346 |   |
|             |      |          | EP 95901359 | A    | 19941124 |        |   |
| DE 69432822 | E    | 20030717 | DE 632822   | A    | 19941124 | 200355 |   |
|             |      |          | WO 94DK438  | A    | 19941124 |        |   |
|             |      |          | EP 95901359 | A    | 19941124 |        |   |

Priority Applications (No Type Date): DK 941077 A 19940919; DK 931315 A 19931124; DK 94152 A 19940207

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Based on patent WO 9514449

Abstract (Basic): WO 9514449 A

An anti-snore device (1) comprises two horse-shoe shaped members

(2,3) joined together by integrated resilient hinges (4,4'). Surface (5) refers to the lower surface of the upper member, and surface (6) refers to the upper surface of the lower member. The lingual flange (7) of the lower member being that part of the **device** which forces the lower jaw forward, thereby preventing occlusion of the **nasopharynx**, the **oropharynx** and the **hypopharynx**. The forward displacement of the lower jaw about 22 mm from the **intercuspidal position** along the **intercuspidal position** /maximum opening point of the jaw is between 5 mm and 11 mm.

The **device** is preferably made from a resilient non-toxic plastics material such as vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymer, or a polyolefin such as polyethylene or polypropylene, the most pref. material being ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, formed by injection moulding. The hinges (4,4') may be reinforced by metal or plastics **insert**, by means of which the force needed to close the two members (2,3) together is between 0.2 and 20 Newton.

Also claimed is provision of a kit comprising the **device** (1) and a temperature indicator, indicating the temperature at which the material softens sufficiently for an individual to adapt its shape to their own requirements. The temperature being in the range 40-80 deg. C. pref. 50-80 deg. C, most pref. about 70 deg. C..

USE - To prevent or reduce the frequency of **snoring** , and to relieve **guided transpositions** of the jaws.

ADVANTAGE - An easy, simple **device** which can be adapted to fit without skilled professional assistance, that is comfortable in use and will not harm gums, tongue or teeth.

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| S2  | 699     | PHARYN? OR EPIGLOTTI? OR GLOTTI? OR HYOID  |
| S3  | 5947    | PROSTHES?S OR PROSTHETIC? OR ORTHOS?S OR ORTHOTIC?   |
| S4  | 30178   | IMPLANT? OR GRAFT???   |
| S5  | 1087714 | APPLIANCE? ? OR DEVICE? ?  |
| S6  | 429152  | NITINOL OR WIRE OR SPRING OR SUPERELASTIC OR SUPER()ELASTIC                                |
| S7  | 30      | APNEA OR SNORING   |
| S8  | 13      | (OBSTRUCTIVE OR SLEEP()DISORDERED) ()BREATHING OR CENTRAL() -<br>ALVEOLAR()HYPOVENTILATION |
| S9  | 2       | HYPERSOMNIA OR HYPERSOMNOLENCE OR (PICKWICK? OR ONDINE) ()S-<br>YNDROME                    |
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| S12 | 0       | S7:S9 AND S10  |
| S13 | 1       | S7:S9 AND S11  |
| S14 | 112     | SNORE? ?   |
| S15 | 13      | (S10:S11 AND S14) NOT S13  |
| S16 | 12      | S10 NOT (S13 OR S15)   |
| S17 | 10      | S7/TI OR S8/TI OR S9/TI  |
| S18 | 10      | S17 NOT (S10 OR S13 OR S15)  |

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Implants and procedures to the treatment of snore

Implantate und Verfahren zur Behandlung von Schnarchen

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Description (English machine translation)

Claims (English machine translation)

Description (German)

Abstract (English machine translation)

An **appliance** to the application when treating **snore** of a patient  
suffering under **snoring** includes an **implant** from biokompatiblem

material, that is rated, in order to be embedded in...

Description (English machine translation)

... snores up to 20 percent of the adult population automatically. Huang et al. "Biomechanics of Snoring", Endeavour, sides 96-100, band 19, No. 3 (1995). Snores a serious cause of an...

...snore, was an effective treatment of snore unreliable. Such a treatment can include mouth protection appliances or other aids, that are carried by the snorer during the sleeps. However, patients find...

...Siehe for example Schwartz et al., "Effects of electrical stimulation to the soft palate on snoring and obstructive sleep apnea", J. Prosthetic Dentistry, sides 273-281, 1986. Appliances to the application of such a stimulation are in the US-Patenten Nrn. 5,284,161 and 5,792,067 described. Such appliances are aids, that necessitate, that the patient holds on to a regular application manner as...

...al in Wiltfang. "Ridge results on daytime submandibular electrostimulation of suprathyroidal muscles to prevent nighttime hypopharyngeal collapse in obstructive sleep apnea syndromes", internationally journal of oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, sides 21-25, 1999, discusses.

Surgical treatments were...

...supra, on 99. Uvulopalatopharyngoformung (UPPP) becomes et al also in Harris. "The Surgical treatment of snoring", journal of Laryngology of and Otology, sides 1105-1106, 1996, described, that a distance from...

...soft palate describes. An evaluation of a treatment of snore becomes et al in Cole. " Snoring : A review and a Reassessment", journal of of Otolaryngology, sides 303-306 (1995) discusses...

Claims (English machine translation)

... to change the dynamic behavior.

50. Method for claim 49, inclusively a preparing of the implant, so that it shows a mass, that is enough, in order to change the dynamic behavior after the implantation without that a function of the soft palate to lock a nose passageway of the patient during the gulps from a pharynx of the patient from namely, is essentially impaired.

51. Method for claim 49, inclusively preparing of the implant, in order to muffle the dynamic behavior after the implantation, without that a function of the soft palate to lock a nose passageway of the patient during the gulps from a pharynx of the patient from namely, is essentially impaired.

52. Method for claim 49, inclusively preparing of the implant, about which to become stiff soft palates in order to change the dynamic behavior after the implantation without that a function of the soft palate to lock a nose passageway of the patient during the gulps from a pharynx of the patient from namely, is essentially impaired.

53. Method for claim 49, inclusively preparing...

...a forefront of the patient in direction.

54. Method for claim 53, with which the implant shows a stiffness, that is chosen, in order to shore up the soft palate, in order to change the dynamic behavior after the implantation, without that a function of

the soft palate to lock a nose passageway of the patient during the gulps from a **pharynx** of the patient from namely, is more essentially impaired.

55. Method for claim 54, with...

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**Means to preventing the Schlafapnoesyndroms und/oder of the snore  
Mittel zum Verhindern des Schlafapnoesyndroms und/oder des Schnarchens**

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**Appliance to preventing the snore  
Vorrichtung zum Verhindern des Schnarchens**

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Abstract (English machine translation)

The invention involves an **appliance** to the effective preventing of the human **snore** and dry up of the mouth mucous membranes, which one over a jaw of the human being stulpbare and at this form-wise adjusted bonnet, that is trained bonnet U-shaped in the cross-section, the bonnet is two bridge-good areas and a crosswise-bridge-good area connecting the bridge-good areas shows, the bridge-good areas and the crosswise-bridge-good area of the bonnet together the U-shaped cross-section profile, that is marked by it, forms that the

crosswise-bridge-good area is interconnected at his for the bridge-good areas of averted side in the fore area with a wall apron, which is vertically geared to the crosswise-bridge-good area.

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**Orofaciale denture rail**

**Orofaciale Gebisssschiene**

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Abstract (English machine translation)

An invention-appropriate orofaciale denture rail (11) to the Therapierung of the primary **snore** and the **obstructive** Schlafapnoesyndroms possesses an upper jaw rail (13) and a lower jaw rail (15) at first separate by it, that are together interconnected in solvable manner by means of with demand entfernbar, preferably soft-elastic connection material (35, 37). The mutual **positioning** of Oberkieferschiene (13) and lower jaw rail (15) lets itself alter through it. the upper jaw rail (13) and the lower jaw rail (15) ever show one right one and a left one to rail part, that ever is together interconnected over a slim metallic head connection clip (21) as well as sub connection clips (27). This leads to a slim construction with low volume of the entire denture rail (11) and elevated Tragekomfort.

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**Appliance to preventing the snore**

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Abstract (English machine translation)

An **appliance** to preventing of the **snore** , with which the user's tongue is depressed during the **sleeps** in direction of the lower jaw, is trained as a type of spoon, that one the user's lower jaw corresponding and on this aufsteckbare furrow arched as well as a stalk originating from this furrow, that press on the user's tongue in the business **position**, with what a mass workable at first plastic is angeordnet in the furrow, that keeps a certain elasticity after hardening and distorting, shows.

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**Intraorales snore therapy appliance**  
**Intraorales Schnarch-Therapie-Gerat**  
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Abstract (English machine translation)

**Intraorales snore therapy appliance** to the opening the with the **snorer** narrowed, rear **pharynx** area through Vorverlagerung of the lower jaw marked the average denture radius accordingly arched bite groove (11, 12) through one flat, quaderformigen basic bodies (1), that stretch up to the cuspids of an average denture and resemble reflection-like in his/its upper side and underside one each, with a horizontal Aufbissfläche (8) is trained, with what the bite groove (12) of the underside opposite the upper jaw of corresponding measurements opposite the bite groove (11), that is put back upper side, about one of the natural, normal **position** of the lower jaw.

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**It turns into the treatment of Rhonchopathie**  
**Gerat zur Behandlung von Rhonchopathie**  
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Fulltext Word Count (Both) : 3239

Abstract (English machine translation)

The intra-oral **appliance** to the treatment of Rhonchopathie ( **snore** ) includes an upper part (Palatalteil) (1) and a low part (lingual part) (2), that are together interconnected over intermaxillare joints (3, 4) at the side. Palatalteil and lingual part are as trained noble metal **wire** of existing clips from a hochverdrillten, that anew itself, ventral, to the back, distal, widens. The joints (3, 4) wise at the side Stutzelemente (5, 6), that supports itself on the user's lateral tooth rows, on. The **appliance** is applied intra-oral during the **sleeps**, with what it hovers in the mouth cave, and the lower jaw in a **position** easily put forward in reference on the upper jaw **positioniert**.

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0003807611

Appliance to preventing of the **snore** and to the prevention an oxygen sub repletion during the **sleeps**

Vorrichtung zum Verhindern des Schnarchens und zur Verhinderung einer Sauerstoffuntersättigung während des Schlafens

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Fulltext Word Count (Both) : 4911

Abstract (English machine translation)

**Appliance** to preventing of the **snore** and to the prevention an oxygen sub repletion during the **sleeps** with a **prosthesis** part and a tongue part angeordneten at the **prosthesis** part with following Merkmalen:\$A - the **prosthesis** slice shows at least two Aufbissenschienen. which show at teeth of the waiter and lower jaw of adjusted Aufbissflachen in each case. with what are the upper and low Aufbissflachen so to each other angeordnet. that the lower jaw is angeordnet in the closed condition in put forward

position. \$A - at least an Aufbissflache is trained a part one cog of covering Aufbissflache as one in each case. \$A - the **appliance** is anordbar at least a low Aufbissflache of the **appliance** through a Klemmwirkung of this at the teeth of the lower jaw solvable. \$A - the at least two Aufbisschienen is together interconnected over a palate clip or a palate plate. \$A - at the palate clip or at the palate plate is one a tongue reason of fixing Pelotte angeordnet. with what does the Pelotte be trained as a Pelotte pushing down the tongue before an uvula.

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Intraorales snore therapy appliance

Intraorales Schnarch-Therapie-Gerat

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Abstract (English machine translation)

It becomes an intra-oral snore therapy **appliance** to the opening the with the **snorer** narrowed, rear **pharynx** arm through Vorverlagerung of the lower jaw proposed, this from one flat, quaderformigen basic body (1), whose width is zwischden approximately immediately for the distance the cuspids of an average denture and ever resembles one reflection-like ones in his/its upper side and underside, exists been trained the average denture radius accordingly arched bite groove with a horizontal Aufbissflache (8) 11, 12, with what about one low measurement opposite the bite groove (11), that is put back underside, the bite groove (12) of the underside. When starting of the **appliance** into the mouth, the fore tooth rows of the waiters reach, and lower jaw in the bite grooves (11, 12); waiters, and lower jaws are held in one relaxed and physiognomisch natural **position**, in which a collapse doesn't occur in the **pharynx** area. One at the forehead surface (2) of the basic body (1) installed, itself on both sides stretching clips (13) comes prevent when starting of the **appliance** at the mouth to the installation, that the entire basic body (1) can reach into the mouth cave in the **sleep**. Since the fore tooth rows come nurd in intervention, the **appliance** is universally employable and makes denture surveyings redundant. The manufacture is simple and advantageous.

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Appliance to the improvement of the nose respiration to the elimination of the snore and an Apnoe interconnected with it

Vorrichtung zur Verbesserung der Nasenatmung zur Beseitigung des Schnarchens und einer damit verbundenen Apnoe

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Abstract (English machine translation)

The problem with the **snore** is a disturbed nose respiration, with what the palate sail forms a Schwingkreis over the air column in the nose together with the nose wings. A previous base exists to the one in the active blowing of air into the nose. To the other to increase the tension of the nose wings through it from outside and to increase the nose openings through it and to stabilize. Another base consists of a change of the air current of the **pharynx** area through **appliances**, that the lower jaw vorverlagern. A more final what can have connected with momentary pains and Kauproblemen has the disadvantage of a lengthening of the joint capsule of the jaw joint. The new **appliance** doesn't show these disadvantages. A developed **snore** therapy **appliance** exists from two hollow forms (1), that are brought in into the nose atria. By the expansion of the nose openings (2) and the stabilization of the nose wings (3), the resonance ability of the Schwingkreises is interrupted nose wing airflow palate. The **snore** stops, the nose respiration is clearly improved. A through the special form of the hollow forms with lateral thickening (6) and bulge-good thickening on the low end (7) and a **springy** connection (9) between the form the argues and a stabilization of the situation is gained of the left nostril in the nose atria. A through the mounting of filters (8) can be achieved a cleaning of the inhaled air. A through the mounting from...

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Appliance to preventing of the snore and to the prevention an oxygen sub repletion during the sleeps

Vorrichtung zum Verhindern des Schnarchens und zur Verhinderung einer Sauerstoffuntersättigung während des Schlafens

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Abstract (English machine translation)

Appliance to preventing of the snore and to the prevention an oxygen sub repletion during the sleeps with a prosthesis part and a tongue part angeordneten at the prosthesis part. shows at least two Aufbisschienen the prosthesis slice with what. which show at teeth of the waiter and lower jaw of adjusted Aufbissflachen in each case. the upper and low Aufbissflachen (5) with what. 6. 29, so to each other angeordnet is. that the lower jaw (40) is angeordnet in the closed condition in put forward position. at least an Aufbissflache (6) with what as one is trained a part covering Aufbissflache (6) one cog each (30 to 34). the appliance (1) at least a low Aufbissflache (5) with what through a Klemmwirkung of this. 6, the appliance (1) exclusively at the teeth (30 to 34) the lower jaw (40) solvable anordbar is. the at least two Aufbisschienen (3) with what. 4, over a palate clip or a palate plate (17) together interconnected is. is one angeordnet a tongue reason of fixing Pelotte (20) with what at the palate clip or at the palate plate (17). the Pelotte (20) with what as a Pelotte (20) pushing down the tongue (49) before an uvula is trained.

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0003652169

Appliance to preventing of the snore , grind of teeth and dry up of mouth mucous membranes,  
Vorrichtung zum Verhindern des Schnarchens, Zahneknirschens und Austrocknens von Mundschleimhauten

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Abstract (English machine translation)

The invention involves an appliance to the effective preventing of the human snore and dry up of the mouth mucous membranes, which one over a jaw of the human being stulpbare and at this form-wise adjusted bonnet,

that is trained bonnet U-shaped in the cross-section, the bonnet is two bridge-good areas and a crosswise-bridge-good area connecting the bridge-good areas shows, the bridge-good areas and the crosswise-bridge-good area of the bonnet together the U-shaped cross-section profile, that is marked by it, forms that the crosswise-bridge-good area is interconnected at his for the bridge-good areas of averted side in the fore area with a wall apron, which is vertically geared to the crosswise-bridge-good area.

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**Appliance to the relief of the nose respiration**  
**Vorrichtung zur Erleichterung der Nasenatmung**

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**Abstract (English machine translation)**

An appliance is described to the reduction of a hindrance of the nose respiration. Erfindungsgemass is intended that the appliance (1) shows itself in a longitudinal direction of the appliance (1) of stretching wing elements (2a, 2b) in two, the at least partially with her/its/their one end, 2a ", 2b ") in front into an user's two nose areas einschiebbar is, that the two wing elements (2a, 2b) are mechanically interconnected on her/its/their other end (2a', 2b') over a connection element (3), and that the appliance (1) shows an Arretiereinrichtung (5), through which the appliance (1) is befestigbar in the nose, on her/its/their other end (2a', 2b').

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**Ambroxol fur die Behandlung von schmerzhaften Zustanden im Mund und Rachenraum**

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**VORRICHTUNG ZUR ERZEUGUNG KONTINUERLICH POSITIVER DRUCKE IN DEN LUFTWEGEN BEI SPONTANATMUNG MIT BESONDERER EIGNUNG FUER FRUEH- UND NEUGEBORENE**

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**Special oropharyngeale air lift with blocker seal**  
**Spezielle oropharyngeale Luftbrucke mit Blockermanschette**

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Abstract (English machine translation)

The management from difficult intubations is in an emergency and in the anaesthesia and intensive medicine of central importance. Protection demands on a device are raised, which ensures an artificially respirating of the fehlintubierten patient in situations of difficult intubation. It concerns a special oropharyngeale air lift (1) with blocker seal (2), which possesses the characteristic that it locks the throat with Endotrachealtubus (7) already lying with blocked seal (2) hermetically, so that when artificial respiration over the oropharyngeale air lift (1) with lying Endotrachealtubus (7) no air can escape beside. The preferential execution form is characterized by the fact that the blocker seal (2) possesses a recess (3), which is so formed that usual Endotrachealtuben (7) fits in and puts when blowing the seal (2) up these closely around the Endotrachealtubus (7) and locks the throat closely. The oropharyngeale air lift (1) preferably possesses at the proximal end an adapter (8) for usual artificially respirating systems. The blocker seal (2) is preferably over a pilot balloon with valve (9) blowing up and blockable and by means of an attachment volume to the patient fastened. This device is inserted after intubation into the throat and placed in such a way that the Endotrachealtubus (7) comes to lie into the recess (3) envisaged for it. The seal (2) is then blocked and the throats thus with already

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**Hypopharyngo-Laryngoskop mit gelenkigem oder flexiblem und aufspreizbarem Mundspatel**

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An oropharyngal tube is used to obtain an artificial air passage after the introduction into the patient of a tracheal tube as a guide for a probe to extract secretions and a fixed holder is offered for the tracheal tube and the tongue is prevented from falling backwards. In addition, the tube is to serve as anti-bite protection for the tracheal tube. For this purpose artificial airways of the Berman type are known which have an open cross-section of T or double-T shape and basically consist of hard material. In order to provide an easily cleaned and manufactured oropharyngeal tube which can be used without risk, it is proposed that the tube be given a uniform U-shaped internal contour over its entire length which is open on one side and that the bite block be made in one piece with and of the same material as the tube in the region of the short straight section of said tube.

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Prevention of rhenchopathy (snoring) comprises injecting a biocompatible substance, esp. a biological substance, into or around the velum in order to tighten the tissue. The biocompatible substance is pref. a cross-linked collagen or a substance having a similar activity.

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Methods and devices are disclosed for manipulating the hyoid bone, such as to treat obstructive sleep apnea. An implant is positioned adjacent a hyoid bone. The spatial orientation of the hyoid bone is manipulated, to affect the configuration of the airway. The implant restrains the hyoid bone in the manipulated configuration. The implant is positioned adjacent to pharyngeal structures to dilate the pharyngeal airway and/or to support the pharyngeal wall against collapse.

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